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"For the first time in the history of Canada, the prime minister of Canada is running away from the Parliament."
Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion

"What he's doing right now is trying to lock the door of Parliament so that the elected people cannot speak."
New Democrat Leader Jack Layton

"The Conservative leader has managed to do something quite extraordinary, which is to attract the criticism of all the leaders in Quebec." Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe

House on hiatus

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces, during a snow storm, that Governor General Michaëlle Jean approved his recommendation to prorogue Parliament at Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday. Harper said he will deliver a budget the day after Parliament resumes, which will be on Jan. 26.

Harper asks rivals for input on economy as GG prorogues Parliament

NATION DIVIDED

Prime Minister Stephen Harper appealed to his political rivals for economic advice to defuse their outrage over the Conservative leader's unprecedented shutdown of Parliament to avoid certain defeat.

After an 80-minute meeting yesterday at Rideau Hall, Governor General Michaëlle Jean granted Harper's request to prorogue Parliament, sparing him from a confidence vote on Monday — and defeat for his Conservatives.

The Conservative leader acknowledged the economic demands of his political critics and promised the "first order of business" when Parliament resumes on Jan. 26 would be a budget the following day.

But Harper's invitation to the opposition parties to work together on the economic file did not appease the three party leaders who say they remain ready to replace his government with a Liberal-led coalition at the earliest opportunity.

The NDP and Bloc vowed to defeat the Conservatives, even if it means waiting a few more weeks.

"I cannot have confidence in the prime minister who would throw the locks on the door of this place knowing that he's about to lose a vote in the House of Commons. That's denying about as fundamental a right as one has in a democracy," NDP Leader Jack Layton said on Parliament Hill.

But cracks began to appear in the resolve of the Liberal party.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion condemned Harper's tactical move to avoid defeat while at the same time, he appeared willing to compromise if Harper acts on their budget demands.

"This is about replacing Stephen Harper unless he made a monumental change ... the challenge is monumental for him," Dion said. "Nothing in what Mr. Harper said today will change our mind."

Harper adopted a more conciliatory tone than in the week since the crisis erupted over his government's economic statement.

Outside Rideau Hall, Harper called on the opposition to "engage with the government," citing Canadians' "frustration" at all political parties for their failure to work together on the economic crisis.

"We are all responsible. The public is clear. They want us to discuss specific proposals and that we propose things, especially on things where we are able to find consensus."

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No restriction placed on Tories

- The Governor General did not put any restrictions on the government's powers — to make appointments or announce planned spending — which is usually the case when Parliament is dissolved and elections are held.

Do you think the Gov. Gen. should have allowed the Prime Minister to prorogue Parliament?

Randall Smolinski
age 38, Ottawa
A: Absolutely, Canadians voted in September. We made a decision then and we should stick with that and not change anything.

Donna Maxwell
age 52, Dartmouth, N.S.
A: I'm disappointed. What else can you say? I'm disappointed. I don't like the dictatorial manner that Harper uses.

Kathy Vanderbilt
age 39, Calgary
A: I think it's good (she) stepped in and suspended parliament because the coalition wasn't the elected party.

Annemarie McCrie
age 32, Edmonton
A: I think taking a break is a good thing because things are moving too quickly. The coalition is just going way too far — they're pushing and pushing.

Dakshin Gunawardana
age 21, Vancouver
A: Yes I think so. We have already had the election. The opposition shouldn't just go in and take it by force.

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Mississauga woman faces impaired charges
A Mississauga woman has been charged with impaired driving and leaving the scene of an accident after three accidents occurred within minutes on Monday in Oakville. Nobody was injured in any of the minor collisions. Charged is Janis Gauthier, 53, of Mississauga. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Committee rules to remove judge

After 24 years on the bench, Justice Paul Cosgrove was told yesterday that he so abused his powers during a murder trial that he's no longer fit to be a judge. In a 4-1 decision, a committee of the Canadian Judicial Council found grounds for recommending to the federal justice minister that Cosgrove, a former Scarborough mayor and federal Liberal cabinet minister, be removed from office. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Lotteries
Results were not available at press time.

News in brief

ATM SCAM Durham police have arrested five more men in connection to a weekend ATM skimming scheme after the suspects attended a bail hearing to support friends charged with the same crime. Police received a tip that a group planned to alter an ATM pinpad at a Whitby gas station in order to steal debit card information. Investigators set up surveillance and watched several men remove and replace the pinpad with a similar, stolen unit.
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Ban not being adhered to

Despite motion that passed Monday, City Hall is still selling bottled water

The sun rose as usual over Toronto yesterday, and as usual you could still buy a bottle of water at City Hall.

That might be a surprise to some. After all, city council had passed a motion Monday night to "prohibit the sale or distribution of bottled water at civic centres immediately."

But the Café on the Square restaurant in City Hall still offered a few bottles of Dasani water in plastic bottles yesterday afternoon, as well as San Pellegrino or Perrier in glass bottles.

Upstairs, in the hallway outside the committee room where deputations lined up for hours last month to give their views on bottled water, a vending machine still yielded a plastic bottle of Aquafina. So did a vending machine in City Hall's basement.

Melvin Lee, general manager of Café on the Square, said her knowledge of the city's new policy comes from reading newspapers. As of yesterday afternoon, no one from the city had contacted her about the prohibition, she said.

Despite the lack of official notice, Lee said she's going to cut off sales of bottled water once she's used up her current inventory.

"It probably will last me a week at the most," she said.

Lee said she's always offered tap water as well as bottled water at the cafeteria-style restaurant, which also maintains a big take-out business.

But customers, some of whom are on their way to make tax payments or get city permits, often want to pick up a bottle they can take with them and drink while they wait in line, she said.
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Meetings scheduled

- Cindy Bromley, a finance department spokesperson, said city staff are arranging meetings to explain the new policy to managers of snack bars and restaurants in civic centres, the city halls of old Metro municipalities. Metro Hall doesn't have a restaurant or cafeteria.

Complaints lead to crackdown on cabbies

A city investigation of Union Station taxi drivers has led to 147 tickets being issued to an unspecified number of people.

Three taxi drivers must also appear before the Toronto Licensing Tribunal early next year, where they could have their licences revoked, suspended or become subject to strict conditions.

The investigation was launched nearly a year ago, in January 2008, following complaints about taxi drivers at Union Station.

The infractions include aggressive and illegal soliciting of cab fares, refusal to accept the first fare, the operation of unlicensed drivers and taxis, and the poor condition of vehicles that service the area.

"The investigation proved to be highly successful as we have seen a substantial decrease in these types of behaviour in the area," said Gus Michaels, manager of Investigation Services, Licensing Enforcement Unit.

However, Michaels added, the "behaviour exhibited by a small percentage of drivers during this investigation does not reflect the quality of service provided by the majority of Toronto's taxicab industry drivers."

Approximately 15 city bylaw enforcement officers and Union Station security officers were involved in the project.

Scott Dudman, who has been a street performer for more than a year at the corner of Bay and Front streets said "a more in-depth investigation should be done."

"As a witness, I have seen people are getting more and more frustrated with the taxicabs at the stand here," Dudman said. "There is too much fighting."
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A disgruntled taxi driver yells at another driver who cut in the taxi stand line yesterday and was blocking other cabs from picking up fares. More than 140 cab drivers were ticketed outside Union Station in response to customer complaints over improper behaviour.

Cops arrest suspects in east end

TIP Someone recognized the shoes.

Acting on a tip, Toronto police barged into a Victoria Park Avenue apartment around 5 a.m. yesterday and arrested two teens and charged them with numerous counts of break and enter.

Since October, close to 50 homes between Woodbine Avenue, Victoria Park Avenue, Bloor Street and Lake Ontario have been burgled. Oddly, the intruder would often steal a snack from the kitchen or a sip from the bar before he made off with small electronics and cash.

The teens, a 17-year-old who cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, and 18-year-old Jordan Brown of Toronto, had been sharing the apartment for four days, since moving in on Monday.

"We got tips from the public," Sgt. Andy Kitchener said yesterday.
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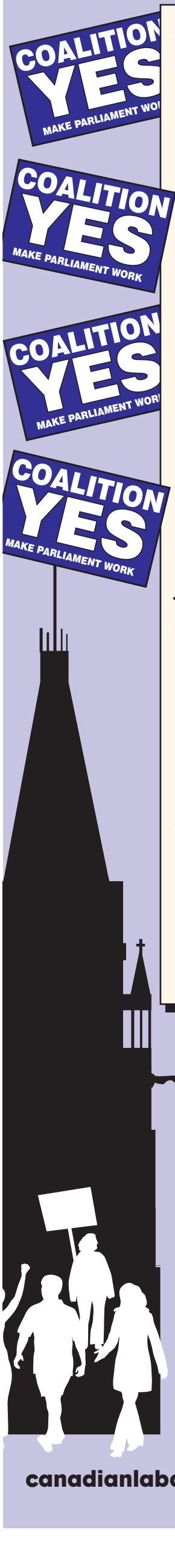

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He's wrong. We don't need another election. We need the Parliament we just elected to get down to work.

The majority of MPs are ready to work together with a solid plan for our economy. The only thing standing in their way is Stephen Harper. The longer he clings to power, the longer he puts our country's economy at risk. He's putting our jobs, our pensions and our future at risk.

The Governor General needs to call on the Coalition to form a government so the country can move forward. We can't afford to wait for Stephen Harper any longer.

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Eighteen sprawling industrial parks in Queretaro, Mexico, are now filled with big-name, global companies, including auto-parts maker ArvinMeritor, which is mothballing a decades-old shock absorber plant in west Toronto, laying off 500 workers.

What Toronto has lost — jobs that paid $18 per hour — is being won here in the form of entry-level work that pays the equivalent of $2 per hour.

"Canadians know the beaches of Mexico. They don't know the capabilities of Mexico."
Réal Gervais, Bombardier VP

Agriculture was once the only way of life here. Now, young people who would have worked the fields are working in factories and plants.

There are two massive hangar-like Bombardier buildings in the Queretaro Aerospace Park. Two years ago it was a cactus field, says Réal Gervais, Bombardier's vice-president in charge of the Canadian company's Mexico manufacturing centre.

"Canadians know the beaches of Mexico. They don't know the capabilities of Mexico."

Locals 112 and 673 of the Canadian Auto Workers union, which represents Bombardier's Toronto workers, have launched a "made-in-Canada" campaign that highlights that Bombardier has benefited from public investment yet has moved work outside Canada.

Gervais says the company had to remain competitive. All its competitors have interests in countries with cheaper labour.

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News in brief

HOUSING Peel Region councillors have unanimously voted to spend a $67-million provincial grant on social housing and paramedic facilities. Yesterday's vote put to rest a potential conflict between the mayors of Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon and regional councillors such as Mississauga's Carolyn Parrish, who actively supported using it for those purposes. The possibility of a clash emerged last month when a staff recommendation to build 400 units for much-needed social housing in Mississauga and Brampton was deferred.

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Creba case trial almost never happened

A dispute between the Crown and defence threatened to derail the first trial in the Boxing Day shooting of Jane Creba.

The jury trying a young man known as J.S.R. for second-degree murder retired to consider its verdict yesterday. But it was never aware of how close it was to being sent home before hearing even a scrap of evidence.

Defence lawyers Gary Grill and Mara Greene wanted the jury to hear, as a matter of agreed fact, that when the Dec. 26, 2005, gunfight began, a young man called Louis Raphael Woodcock, not their client, was carrying one of three handguns fired. It was that 9 mm Ruger semi-automatic pistol that J.S.R. had in his pocket when police arrested him after the gun battle.

Prosecutor Kerry Hughes had confirmed to the defence that the Crown would take the position that Woodcock carried the pistol while he and other young males walked around the Eaton Centre.

"When the shooting started Woodcock had the gun, but at some point during the shooting it was passed off, or taken by, J.S.R, who then fired it until it was empty," Hughes wrote to the defence lawyers.

But on the eve of the trial, Hughes said she was no longer prepared to agree with that admission.

The defence expressed outrage at Hughes' change of position.

With the trial in the balance, Judge Ian Nordheimer ruled that the Crown would have to stick to the admission that Woodcock had the gun when the shooting happened. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Jury never heard of scuffle

A youth punched and robbed the son of a prominent community activist and was party to a scuffle at the Eaton Centre minutes before he is alleged to have killed schoolgirl Jane Creba.

But these incidents were never divulged to the jury, which retired yesterday to consider its verdict, because the trial judge ruled they would be prejudicial.

The 20-year-old man, who can only be identified as J.S.R., has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder.

Battle

- Jane Creba was shot in the crossfire of a Yonge Street gun battle that broke out among a group of males that included J.S.R. on Boxing Day 2005.

The jury never heard, as the Crown would have liked, that J.S.R. and several others in his group of young males robbed the young man, Richard Steele, son of former Jamaican Canadian Association president Valarie Steele, of his cellphone and, possibly, some cash outside the Eaton Centre.

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Audit finds rules not followed

LAXITY An audit into the office expenses of Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson has revealed a laxity in the city's system that has allowed politicians and senior staff to get their business expenses reimbursed without submitting proper supporting receipts and documents.

The practice was one of several problems highlighted in an audit by the accounting firm Ernst & Young, which Jackson herself acknowledged presents a dilemma.

The audit found, in fact, that there are rules requiring backup statements, but they weren't followed when Jackson's expenses were approved by city manager Michael DeAngelis. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Coalition commitment remains determined
The three opposition parties sent a letter to Gov. Gen. Michäelle Jean yesterday signed individually by 161 MPs among them to demonstrate their commitment to keeping the Bloc-supported coalition together. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Newfangled technology

Stéphane Dion's grainy, amateur video address to the nation this week was the result of a series of miscues, from a broken camera to rushed, last-minute editing, insiders say. Insiders say an auto-focus button on the camera was broken, stuck in the locked position. As a result, the focus was on a bookcase behind Dion rather than on the Liberal leader himself, leaving his face slightly fuzzy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberals plot strategy

Future of Grit/NDP coalition seems to be up in the air

Worried about Stéphane Dion's leadership and skeptical of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's new-found spirit of co-operation, the Liberals sought yesterday to chart their next moves in the wake of the temporary suspension of Parliament.

The future of the Liberal-New Democrat coalition that nearly toppled the Conservative minority appeared up in the air after Gov. Gen. Michäelle Jean agreed with Harper's request to send MPs home until Jan. 26.

Liberals were reeling from Dion's inept performance in his nationally televised response to Harper on Wednesday night and nervous about the storm of anti-coalition reaction the Conservatives were able to whip up across the country in only a few days.

But, despite some dissent, the party insisted the majority of the 77-member caucus is standing solidly behind the coalition with the NDP that, tapping the support of the Bloc Québécois, had been until yesterday poised to bring down the Harper government and take power.

FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion answers a reporter's question yesterday in Ottawa after Parliament was prorogued.

There was also anger that Harper escaped being dumped from power in a Commons confidence vote this coming Monday by appealing to Jean for a suspension of Parliament

"We must realize the enormity of what happened today. For the first time in the history of Canada, the prime minister of Canada is running away from the Parliament," Dion said.

Others said it is a dangerous precedent for democracy.

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But, if there was disappointment, the party also recognized the threat raised by the coalition had pinned the prime minister against the ropes and forced him to promise a much more conciliatory approach to handling his minority government.

After meeting with the Governor General, Harper told the media he wants the opposition parties to come forward with specific proposals to stimulate the economy and co-operate with the government to craft a budget acceptable to the House of Commons.

Liberals were wary, however, saying they have absolutely no reason to believe Harper's pledge to work closely with their party and the NDP on the budget.

"I am always open to discuss, but what Harper has done this week is so unacceptable," Dion said.

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Word on the street: Do you think the Governor General should have allowed the prime minister to prorogue Parliament?

Jason Contant
age 32, Toronto

A: I think so. It is a precedent setting thing ... because they would have brought a confidence motion anyways that would bring down the government.

Lisa Zambri
age 35, Pickering

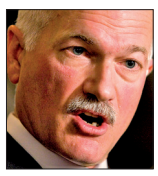
A: Yeah, I think she made the right decision because it gives Prime Minister Stephen Harper time to fight his side and show his views on how he's going to help our country.

Sean Magee
age 28, Toronto

A: No, I don't think she should have. She should have allowed (the session) to go to its extent at the moment. Why does she have the right to stop things at her discretion?

NDP intent on bringing down Harper's Conservatives

SUPPORT The New Democrats appear to be shutting the door to the possibility of supporting the government no matter what budgetary goodies the prime minister puts on the table next year.



Jack Layton

"If their budget does have good elements in it we'll be glad to incorporate those good elements into the first budget of the coalition," NDP deputy leader Thomas Mulcair said in an interview yesterday.

Mulcair said the partisan measures in the economic statement showed Harper cannot be trusted and there is absolutely nothing he could do at this point that would stop the NDP from voting to defeat the Conservatives at the earliest opportunity.

At a pro-coalition rally on Parliament Hill yesterday, NDP Leader Jack Layton urged supporters not to lose hope.

"We are on the cusp of a movement here and I call upon all of you to not give up one second, do not despair," he told the crowd.

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Rare moment of accord in Quebec

Quebec's Liberal Premier Jean Charest appealed to Canadians not to let the crisis provoke anti-Quebec sentiments. That message led to a rare moment of accord with his Parti Québécois Leader Pauline Marois, whose boost in the polls has been attributed to the crisis. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harper, Jean had less than warm ties

There is no small irony in Prime Minister Stephen Harper owing his government's near-term survival to Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

Until she granted Harper's precedent-setting request to suspend Parliament until late January, the Governor General hadn't exactly enjoyed a warm and respectful reception in Conservative ranks.

It was Jean's other precedents that never sat well with Tories — from having to publicly declare she wasn't a Quebec separatist to her alleged political meddling.

Appointed by former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin in 2005, Jean was the first governor general from Quebec since Jeanne Sauvé was appointed in 1984. She also became the first black person to hold the position and only the third woman, after Sauvé and Adrienne Clarkson.

Almost immediately Jean found herself having to dismiss suggestions she was appointed because she's from a visible minority. There followed damning rumours about the alleged separatist leanings of Jean and husband Jean-Daniel Lafond, a Quebec documentary filmmaker.

Flight from Haiti

• Born in Haiti, Michaëlle Jean arrived in Canada in 1968 when her family fled the brutal regime of Francois (Papa Doc) Duvalier. She blossomed in this country, earning multiple degrees and mastering five languages before becoming a prominent broadcaster in Quebec.

And then there was the matter of her holding dual French and Canadian citizenship. Jean ended up renouncing her French citizenship and issuing an extraordinary statement.

"Let me be clear: we have never belonged to a political party or the separatist movement," she wrote in English, adding in French that the couple never subscribed to the "sovereigntist ideology."

By the fall of 2006, Tory insiders were dismissing Jean as an intellectual lightweight with a penchant for meddling. That would include her politically charged support for the Afghan mission and an intimate dinner party she held for Afghan president Hamid Karzai.

Harper set his own kind of precedent — dispensing with the regular chats, political updates, and the congenial visits that have historically marked relations between prime ministers and governors general. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe speaks to media in the foyer of the House of Commons in Ottawa yesterday, reacting to the Governor General's decision to prorogue parliament.

PM accused of baiting Quebecers

Gilles Duceppe reacted angrily to the parliamentary shutdown and accused the government of fuelling the worst rhetoric against Quebecers since the constitutional debates of the early 1990s.

"(Prime Minister Stephen Harper) asked his supporters to engage in the worst attacks against Quebecers since Meech Lake," the Bloc Québécois leader said after learning the governor general had granted permission to prorogue Parliament until late January. "He has done this simply to save his own skin."

The Conservatives had been framing the parliamentary deadlock as a national unity crisis after the Liberals and New Democrats signed a coalition the Bloc agreed to support.

"(Prime Minister Stephen Harper) asked his supporters to engage in the worst attacks against Quebecers since Meech Lake."
Gilles Duceppe

Conservative MPs regularly described the agreement as a "separatist coalition" and Harper even charged the three opposition leaders refused to be photographed with the Canadian flag behind them when signed their agreement — although there had been at least two Canadian flags in the room.

Duceppe has also pointed out that while Harper and the Conservatives always referred to his party as separatists in English, they called them souverainistes — a softer term — in French.

He also reminded Canadians Harper too had flirted with the Bloc in 2004 when it appeared the minority government of Liberal prime minister Paul Martin was on the brink of collapse. The rhetoric even made its way onto the provincial campaign trail.

Duceppe said his party is still prepared to support the coalition and he could no longer trust Harper to come forward with economic measures that would allow the Bloc to help prop up his government. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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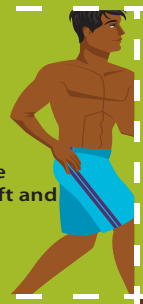

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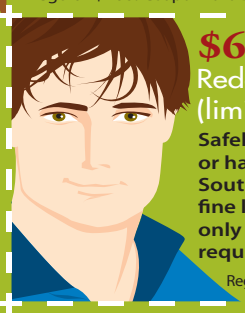

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Ontario to help poor children

Anti-poverty activists are cheering Ontario's ambitious $1.4 billion plan to cut child poverty by 25 per cent in five years, but vow to ensure the Liberal government lives up to its promise.

"This is a fundamental first step that should be applauded. We should say: Congratulations. Thank you. Now let's get down to implementing it," said Toronto United Way President Frances Lankin.

That may be easier said that done.

The government's long-awaited plan to tackle poverty, unveiled at Queen's Park yesterday, includes a boost to the Ontario Child Benefit that helps 1.3 million low-income families and a vast array of community initiatives — everything from after school programs, parenting centres, summer jobs and mentoring for vulnerable youth.

But meeting the target to lift 90,000 children out of poverty in five years — to be enshrined in new legislation — hinges on $1.5 billion from Ottawa in increased child and working tax benefits, the report says.

"We're hoping the federal government will step up," said Jacquie Maund of the anti-child poverty group, Campaign 2000. "But we will be keeping up the pressure (on Ontario) with our community partners from across the province."

Toronto single mom Myriam Canas-Mendes, 36, who is raising two children on welfare, welcomed the review, but wondered when her monthly struggle to make ends meet will get easier.

"I don't think it will directly impact me when I need it — which is right now."
Toronto single mom Myriam Canas-Mendes

"I am very pleased the government is looking into it, but between thinking about and acting on it — I am not sure how long it's going to take to implement," said Mendes, who came to Queen's Park to hear about the report first-hand.

"These suggestions may help my children when they are adults," she said. "I don't think it will directly impact me when I need it — which is right now."

Opposition members weren't so forgiving.

"I am underwhelmed, disappointed and angry," said New Democratic Party MPP Michael Prue (Beaches-East York), who added there was nothing in the plan to help the disabled or unemployed.

Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory endorsed the idea of setting of a goal.

"What I never would have done as a leader...is to set a goal without a plan to make sure you could get there," said Tory.

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Big 3 can get aid: Clement

The suspension of Parliament shouldn't put the brakes on financial aid to Canada's troubled Detroit Three automakers, say federal Industry Minister Tony Clement and Premier Dalton McGuinty.

As General Motors, Ford and Chrysler put the finishing touches on their restructuring plans for presentation to the two governments today, Clement said Ottawa has money left over from its last budget to help the companies providing they meet certain conditions.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper had been slated to attend but backed out at the last minute as he met with Governor General Michaëlle Jean in Ottawa to successfully seek the suspension of Parliament, avoiding imminent defeat in a non-confidence vote next Monday.

Government officials will study the Detroit Three's plans over the weekend and next "week or so" with a view to making recommendations to McGuinty and Harper soon, said Clement, whose minority government may face challenges in having its new budget passed.

> **"We will not allow a suspension of Parliament in Ottawa to act as any kind of excuse to slow down our determined drive..."**
> Dalton McGuinty

For his part, McGuinty vowed to keep pressure on the federal government now that the House of Commons has been suspended until a throne speech Jan. 26, giving the Conservatives at least seven more weeks in power.

"We will not allow a suspension of Parliament in Ottawa to act as any kind of excuse to slow down our determined drive to lend support to the auto sector…it's 400,000 Ontario workers and their families." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Families of autistic kids can't appeal

DECISION A group of families trying to sue the Ontario government and school boards over treatment for children with autism won't get a hearing from the country's top court.

In a decision released without comment yesterday, the Supreme Court of Canada refused permission for the families to appeal earlier rulings that put strict limits on their lawsuit.

In a release, the families said they were disappointed and would meet with their lawyers in the "coming days to determine next steps." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

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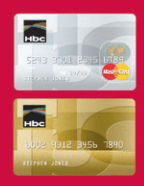

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Loonie drops more than 1.5 cents

Canada's dollar fell nearly 1.5 cents to to 78.31 cents US and the Toronto stock exchange dropped more than 250 points to 8,058 yesterday as financial markets navigated a turbulent political situation and worsening news about the North American and global economies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Winner of the world's

Canadian Joel Charlebois wins $2,000, one-week trip to Paris

CONTEST Fifty-five thousand entries, 20,000 votes, 120,000 comments more than 500,000 visits to the website (metrophotochallenge.com) and only one winner. The grand prize of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge goes to Toronto's Joel Charlebois for his eerie snapshot Midnight Tram to Humber, based on the theme Urban Jungle.

Thousands of photographers from more than 20 countries in which Metro publishes let their inspirations flow in the contest.

The global jury panel chaired by Marco Delogu, Italy's most sought-after portrait photographer, had the difficult task of picking the final photograph from the final 100 global entries.

As the global winner, Charlebois receives $2,000 and a one-week trip for two to Paris, where he will have the chance to create a story-shoot from his Parisian experience. Metro will publish his shots in all 84 editions worldwide.

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1. Midnight Tram to Humber, winner of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge by Joel Charlebois, was shot on a Canon SD500 point-and-shoot camera.

4 runners-up

Three of Top 5 finalists are Canadian entries

2. lydiamacintosh, Canada.
3. phil_fortin, Canada.
4. Roman, Czech Republic.
5. zdenaldvorak, Czech Republic.

Joel: *I spent three hours waiting for the shot*

Winner of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge, Joel Charlebois, talks about his amazing month and reveals the recipe for a winning photo.

This has been a memorable month for you, hasn't it?

"Firstly, I was unemployed when I entered the competition and now I have a job, which is great. Then I got to take part in the photo exhibition arranged by Metro. Seeing Midnight Tram to Humber exhibited and being admired by hundreds of people was a fantastic feeling. And this on the night of my 30th birthday! I then won the challenge globally, which is even more amazing."

How was the picture taken?

"A year ago, there had been a few foggy nights in Toronto, and every time I would walk home in the dark, I would wonder what it would be like to capture those eerie moments on camera.

Joel's passion is film.

"So one night, I wrapped up warm, took my backpack and little point-and-shoot camera and spent three hours waiting for the perfect shot in the street. I wasn't working at the time, so I could afford to be up in the middle of the night."

How does it feel to be an amateur who has beaten professional photographers?

"It is a thrilling achievement. More so that I won with a photo I shot on a Canon SD500 point-and-shoot and $20 plastic tripod. It's motivation for anyone with an eye — but not necessarily the fancy tools — to keep shooting."

Has winning the challenge given you a boost to take photography more seriously?

"It has certainly given me a major boost — as well as an amazing camera to work with (a Nikon D700 as my prize) and not the little point-and-shoot I used previously. I am definitely going to try and use this opportunity to realize my dreams."

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Ontario nurses target workplace violence
The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario has issued recommendations urging governments to enact and enforce legislation that promotes a violence-free workplace, including mandatory reporting and whistle-blower protection. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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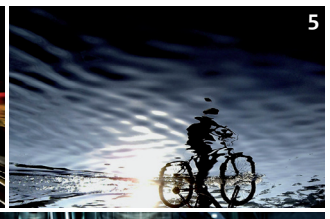

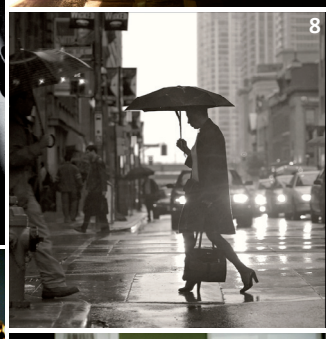

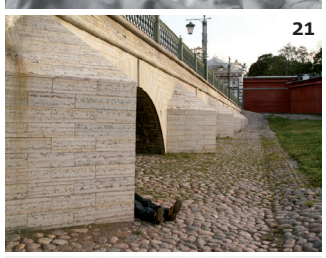

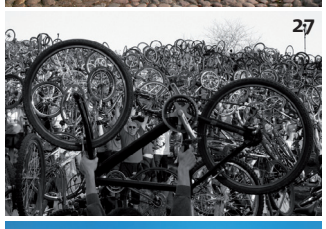

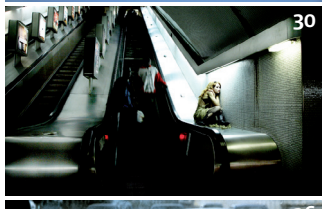

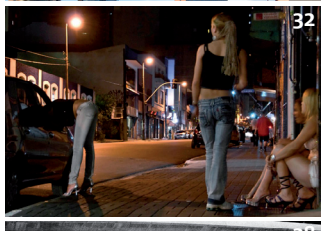

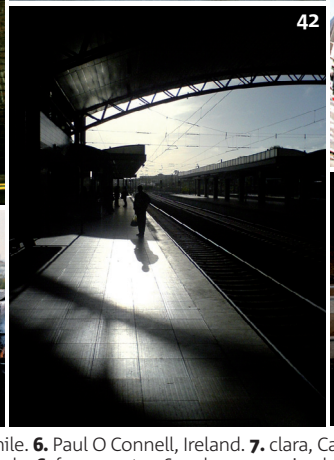

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45 of the top entries. To see more, go to metronews.ca/photochallenge.

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British trash collector can keep sliced-up cash he found in can

British police say a trash collector can hold on to the mound of mutilated cash he found stuffed into a wastebasket in the English town of Lincoln earlier this year. But he'll have to piece the notes back together if he wants to make any money from the estimated 10,000-pound ($18,500) find. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Bushes buy home in Dallas

U.S. President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush have bought a home in an affluent neighbourhood of north Dallas where they will live after the president leaves office in January. The Bushes, however, will continue to spend some time at their ranch in Crawford, Texas, said Laura Bush's press secretary.

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Airports on alert in India

Airports in India went on high alert yesterday following fresh attack warnings as officials said India suspects two senior leaders of a banned Pakistani militant group of orchestrating the deadly Mumbai attacks.

The alert came as Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari promised the U.S. secretary of state his country would take "strong action" against any elements in Pakistan involved in last week's siege.

The new alert that warned of possible airborne attacks focused on three major airports — New Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai — but security was stepped up across India. No details about the threat were released.

"This is a warning which we have received. We are prepared as usual," India's air force chief, Fali Homi Major, told reporters.

Heavily armed guards from India's Rapid Deployment Force manned roadblocks outside airports, while others patrolled inside airport buildings among passengers. Some passengers had bags scanned to check for explosives. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

6 gunmen shot?

- The British Broadcasting Corp. cited unconfirmed reports from airport officials as saying late yesterday that up to six gunmen had been shot at New Delhi's international airport. But police called it a minor incident.

Autos **Bailout testimony continues**

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Auto executives, from left, General Motors chief executive officer Richard Wagoner, UAW president Ron Gettelfinger, Ford chief executive officer Alan Mulally and Chrysler chief executive officer Robert Nardelli testify on Capitol Hill in Washington yesterday before a Senate Banking Committee hearing on the auto industry bailout.

3D Instructor Inspires

Lee Murray has joined Herzing College Toronto as the main 3D Animation Instructor. During his 3D career he has worked on Animated Television shows, Game Cut scenes, Advertisements for Television and Animated Feature films. His work includes Animation credits for a Television show created at C.O.R.E Animation called 'Urban Vermin'. Lee worked as a Motion Capture Actor and Animator for 'The Darkness' video game and 'Justice Heroes' video game. "The various areas you can specialize within 3D is amazing, everything from a Creature Animator to a Set Modeler", says Lee.

Possessing advanced skills in many 3D software programs Lee has the know how to create and manipulate the art required for various 3D projects. His area of expertise is Character Animation.

Since coming on board at Herzing, Lee has inspired the 3D students. His extensive practical experience, his caring teaching style and many years of instructing experience makes him a very popular 3D Animation instructor.

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Saudis tighten security as millions gather for hajj

PILGRIMAGE Saudi Arabia deployed some 100,000 security personnel to keep order as Muslim pilgrims flooded into the holy city of Mecca in preparation for the annual hajj, beginning tomorrow.

Nearly three million pilgrims from around the world are expected to perform the hajj in Mecca and its nearby holy sites this year, according to Saudi authorities.

Every year sees a massive security deployment for the pilgrimage, mainly to manage crowd traffic and prevent friction.

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz said security forces had "no information" suggesting any threat of violence during the hajj. "We must be ready and not rule out the occurrence of anything that might take us unawares," Saudi television quoted Nayef as saying yesterday after touring hajj facilities.

> **"We must be ready and not rule out the occurrence of anything that might take us unawares."**
> Nayef bin Abdul-Aziz

Last year, Saudi police arrested 28 militants who were allegedly planning to attack during the hajj.

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Iraqi council gives final approval to security pact with U.S.
Iraq's presidential council has given its approval to Baghdad's security pact with the United States. That's the final step for the agreement to replace a UN mandate that expires on Dec. 31. The deal sets out a three-year time frame for a full withdrawal of U.S. troops. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three degrees of happiness

Joy can be dependent on complete strangers: Study

The whole world might not smile with you, but your happiness is remarkably contagious and can be felt by strangers up to three degrees of separation away, a large new Harvard University study says.

Your joy, like a rock dropped in the water, sends out ripples of well-being that have measurable impacts on the contentment of other people, even your friends' friends' friends, says Dr. Nicholas Christakis, a professor of medical sociology at Harvard and the lead study author.

"It's not that we've shown that emotions spread from person to person. We kind of knew that already," says Christakis, whose paper appeared yesterday in the British Medical Journal.

"What's interesting is that emotions spread from person to person to person, and from person to person to person."

He says our social networks, which bind individuals in a vast cloth of communications, are replete with emotions, and that your feelings are dependent on those of perfect strangers.

The study, which looked at 5,000 people over two decades, suggests having a happy friend can increase your chances of contentment by some 15 per cent.

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Factors

- The study took into account such things as emotional states that are relevant to cardiovascular health, economic well-being, social status and education before making its findings.

West Bank **Forced evacuation**

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Israeli police officers remove a Jewish settler during the evacuation of a disputed house in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday. Israeli security forces stormed the house and dragged out some 250 settlers who barricaded themselves inside and hurled rocks, eggs and chemicals at their evictors.

Solar car finishes trip around world

GREEN TECH The first solar-powered car to travel around the world has ended its journey at the UN climate talks in Poland.

It arrived in Poznan with the message that clean technologies are available now to stop global warming.

Hauling a trailer of solar cells and carrying chief UN climate official Yvo de Boer, it glided up to a building where delegates from 190 countries are working toward a new climate-change treaty.

The small two-seater runs noiselessly and can travel close to 90 kilometres an hour. It covers close to 300-kilometres on a fully charged battery.

The car's appearance at the conference marked the end of a 52,000-kilometre journey through 38 countries that began 17 months ago in Lucerne, Switzerland.

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Putin sees no need for Russian military bases in Cuba, Venezuela

Vladimir Putin says he sees no need for Russia to build military bases in Cuba or Venezuela. His remarks follow a visit by President Dmitry Medvedev to the two countries to renew and improve ties. The visit coincided with Russian-Venezuelan naval exercises that were Russia's first in the Caribbean since the end of the Cold War. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Freedom urged for prisoners

A letter signed by 112 former presidents and prime ministers urged UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday to return to Myanmar and press its military junta to free all political prisoners.

"(UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon) said he would like to visit Myanmar again ... but he will not be able to do so without reasonable expectations." Michele Montas

The letter, an effort led by former prime minister Kjell Magne Bondevik of Norway, said Ban should make good on the Security Council's call in October 2007 for Myanmar's government to release the prisoners, including Nobel Peace Prize-winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

A return trip "would illustrate for the world whether or not the Burmese military regime is serious about making changes called for by the United Nations Security Council and your good offices," the letter said.

Ban went to Myanmar last May after it was devastated by Cyclone Nargis.

Ban received the letter and spoke with Bondevik on Wednesday.

"He said he would like to visit Myanmar again to discuss a broad range of issues, but that he will not be able to do so without reasonable expectations of a meaningful outcome," UN spokeswoman Michele Montas said.

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Mom found guilty of staging daughter's disappearance

JUSTICE A mother who tearfully appealed for her missing daughter's return was found guilty yesterday of staging her disappearance in a kidnapping that prosecutors said was committed to claim a 50,000-pound ($93,000) reward.

A jury at Leeds Crown Court took six hours to find Karen Matthews, 33, guilty of kidnapping, false imprisonment and perverting the course of justice.

Michael Donovan, the uncle of Matthews's former domestic partner, was convicted of the same offences.

Sentencing was deferred but a judge said both faced substantial jail terms.

Police found the girl on March 14, hidden in a drawer under a bed in Donovan's nearby apartment.

"It was a plan to take Shannon and keep her captive and make a false complaint, wait for the reward money to grow, pretend to find her, and then claim the money. That was the plan between them," said prosecutor Julian Goose.

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Background

- The nearly monthlong search for nine-year-old Shannon Matthews began when her mother reported her missing Feb. 19 from their home.

Prosecutors drop murder case in woman's abortion

RESOLUTION Dutch prosecutors say they have dropped their murder investigation and will not press charges against a woman who had a late-term abortion in Spain.

The case sparked debate last year because it was the first in the Netherlands in which a woman faced a possible murder charge for a late abortion.

The public prosecutor's office in the central city of Den Bosch says in a statement yesterday that the case has been closed because the woman suffers psychological problems and is considered unlikely to repeat the offense.

The child was aborted around the 28th week of her pregnancy. Dutch law allows abortion up to the 24th week.

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Tricky Dick back again

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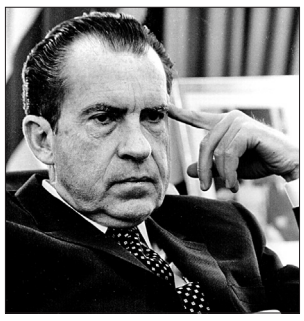
Like most of my generation, born in the mid-60s, I watched that decade and the grinding transition to the '70s over the shoulders of my parents and older siblings.

Their relationship to Richard Nixon — as fervent as the tie they had with Pierre Trudeau, though usually for different reasons — was one we could only witness, though like the Mexican blankets and plastic chairs that they once used to decorate their homes, we inherited it as we moved into our adult lives.

I can't help but compare it to the scene in Ang Lee's movie of Rick Moody's novel The Ice Storm, set during the Watergate hearings, when Christina Ricci puts on a rubber Nixon mask as she makes out with Elijah Wood. The confusion and trauma on his face is priceless, and if he wasn't dead before the credits rolled, you knew that he was going to carry that emotional scar with him for the rest of his life. Death, it seemed, was the preferable alternative.

The release of Frost/Nixon this weekend marks the peak of yet another cycle in Nixon's posthumous half-life, the ebbing and surging of public fascination with the man, played in Ron Howard's film by Frank Langella as halfway between an impersonation and an interpretation.

Sam Rockwell's portrayal of writer James Reston Jr., one of the team who helped David Frost with his landmark four-part televised interview with the disgraced



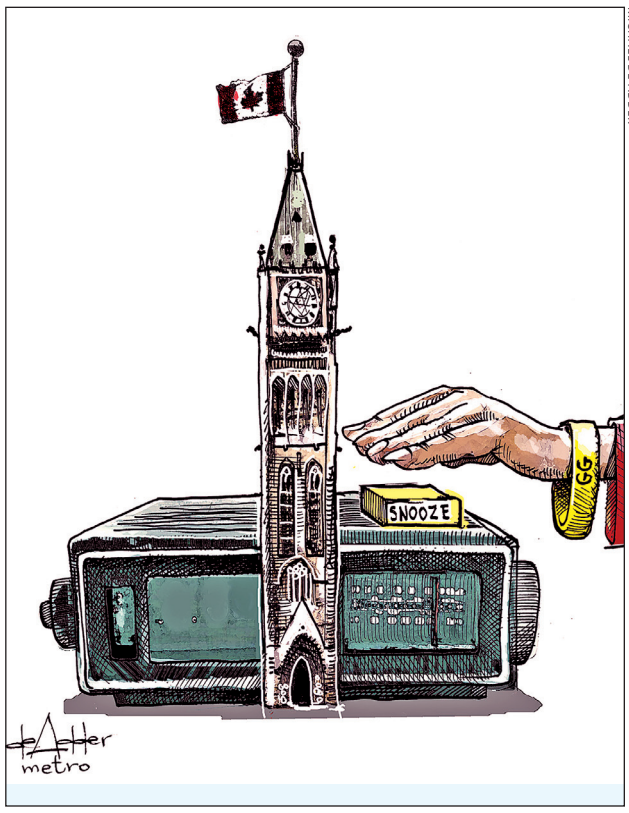
Richard Nixon

president, echoes the betrayal we saw in our parents and especially our older brothers and sisters as they confronted Nixon before, during, and after Watergate.

I think my generation has always been more ambivalent, though no less fascinated by Nixon, and the film connects with our image of the "tragic" Nixon when, at the end of their verbal battle, Langella's Nixon tells Frost that his biggest regret is how his betrayal of public trust has made politics irredeemably compromised and corrupt for young people from 1973 on.

It's a bit disingenuous — there have been devastating political scandals before, and disillusioning young people is only marginally less difficult than getting them to listen to bad music. Just as a hyperbolic ululation to transformative change peaks, there's always something like this week's parliamentary crotch-kicking to remind us that getting and holding power is often the only real policy a politician will wholeheartedly embrace. I don't know if my Nixon is better than the one looming over the political imagination of my older brother and sister, but I know I prefer our Nixon, betrayed by his own ambition and no less human for it, to the bogeyman who taunted my siblings from his ghostly lair in San Clemente.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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Views

Coalition would benefit Toronto

UrbanCompass

People in cities like Toronto could be big winners if a proposal made by the Liberal-NDP coalition ever gets adopted now by Parliament.

The coalition promised a strong affordable housing program as part of its proposed package of economic renewal. What a relief that would be.

The last national affordable housing program was killed by Brian Mulroney in the early 1990s, and since then there's been a crisis — growing homelessness on the streets of all big Canadian cities and too many families jammed into units far too small for healthy living.

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In Toronto the waiting list for affordable housing consists of 70,000 families — that's 200,000 people. They wait years and years because affordable units become vacant only through death or move-out. Almost no new affordable housing is being built right now because there's no federal program.

A new program as outlined by the coalition would have seen the construction of small scale five and six storey structures in neighbourhoods, with a mix of new two and three bedroom units at affordable rents.

This new housing is a significant job creator: construction jobs, mechanical jobs for air systems, electricity and elevators, metal fabrication for doors and windows, new furniture and appliances. As well, most new

Better housing for all makes stronger cities, including Calgary which has big housing problems — and a stronger country.

units would be more energy efficient than existing units, thus helping reduce greenhouse gases.

It seems crazy that it takes operatic-style politics in Ottawa to produce something as basic as new affordable housing, but that seems to be the case. The Conservative Party won't do it on its own. Key Conservative leaders like Jim Flaherty, John Baird and Tony Clement all tried to destroy the idea of affordable housing when they were in Mike Harris' government in Ontario by refusing to pay subsidies and downloading costs to municipalities. They haven't changed their political opinions by being part of Harper's team.

It's hard to believe the Conservatives would ever make it part of any economic stimulus package they might bring forward. Somehow getting the coalition into power seems like the only way to get an affordable housing program in Canada.

It's hard to see how new affordable housing would weaken Canada — better housing for all makes stronger cities, including Calgary which has big housing problems — and a stronger country, so it's hard to argue that support of separatists in the Bloc Québécois for this program would be a threat to national unity.

All of which raises the next question: Will it ever happen?

John Sewell is a former mayor of Toronto.

Letters

Time to bone up on your parliamentary knowledge

I'm surprised, and baffled that so many Canadians have little knowledge of the parliamentary constitution.

We don't elect a prime minister. We elect a parliament. It is then the responsibility of that parliament to choose a leader that they support.

DAN GOULET, TORONTO

Politics interesting again

I am so pleased about this whole episode of coalition government and it has generated so much interest across the country.

We have never seen anything like this. We are 30 million plus and we have 30 million plus opinions.

ANANT NAGPUR, OTTAWA

Don't blow roses up my backside and call it politics

Re: Sweater threadbare by Andrew Cohen Dec. 4

I wanted to respond to Andrew Cohen's commentary on Mr. Harper's detrimental lack of "charisma." What I dislike about Canadians is our need to have a politician blow roses up our backsides to distract us from their greedy hands in our pockets. It seems we are happy to be taken advantage of and lied to as long as the politician in question is doing it nicely.

I am not going on a date with Mr. Harper. I don't need him to romance me or be my best friend.

TARRAH HALL, CALGARY, AB

Pandora's box now open

Governor General Michaëlle Jean made a serious error in shutting down parliament. From this point forward, any leader to follow has a legal argument that they can suspend parliament anytime it disagrees with a Prime Minister. The voiding of Canadian parliamentary democracy to Stephen Harper is a shocking and sad day.

EUGENE PARKS, VICTORIA B.C.

America looking better

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Canadian bankruptcies up 21 per cent
Bankruptcies in Canada numbered 9,468 in October, up 7.2 per cent from September and 21.1 per cent from October 2007, with 8,972 individuals filing for bankruptcy in October. Business bankruptcies totalled 496 for the month. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Top-end booze prices slashed

For the first time during the holiday season, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario is slashing prices on bottles of high-end booze to clear the racks amid slowing sales.

However, LCBO spokesperson Chris Layton, noted the provincial agency projected 4.3 per cent higher sales this fiscal year.

The liquor board is offering hundreds of bottles, from Champagne to Chardonnay, at discounts of up to 50 per cent this month.

"High-end retailers are facing softening demand as buyers shy away from premium fashions and other big-ticket items, such as furniture and top-of-the-line electronics," Scotiabank economist Adrienne Warren said yesterday.

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Toronto area home sales plummet

HOUSING Sales of existing homes in the Toronto area plunged in November, down 50 per cent from a year earlier, according to Toronto Real Estate Board figures released yesterday.

Building permit figures for the Toronto area released by Statistics Canada also show a steep 21 per cent drop to $8.3 billion in October from the $10.4 billion recorded in September.

The Toronto board reported 3,640 sales in November, down from the 7,313 sales recorded during the same month last year — the biggest decline since April of 1989 when sales dropped 54 per cent.

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In brief

BANKING CIBC will continue tightening up on credit card lending in 2009 and is forecasting "slower demand" for mortgages. The bank yesterday posted a 51 per cent decline in its fourth-quarter profit to $436 million, from $884 million for the same 2007 period.

BANKING Toronto Dominion Bank's quarterly profit fell 7 per cent due to writedowns. Canada's No. 2 bank said its fourth-quarter profits were $1.01 billion, versus year-ago profits of $1.09 billion.

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Baseball salaries slow

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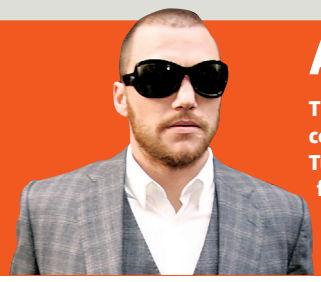

Avery decision expected today

The Dallas Stars' Sean Avery, left, spent three hours in a disciplinary hearing with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday in New York over lewd comments made on camera Tuesday in Calgary. Avery is suspended indefinitely and Bettman will determine any further punishment. "I want to take the opportunity to spend a little time thinking about what transpired at the hearing and everything that I was told and that needs to be considered," Bettman said during his weekly radio show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Triano gets his turn

First Canadian head coach in NBA history takes charge of Raptors

Jay Triano has long been the face of basketball in Canada, and now he becomes the face of Canada's lone NBA franchise.

The native of Niagara Falls was named the interim head coach of the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday, replacing Sam Mitchell. The move comes seven years after Triano first joined the franchise, becoming the became the first Canadian-born-and-trained coach in the NBA.

"I've always been a proud Canadian in playing and representing my country," Triano said in a conference call Wednesday from Denver.

"If this is another way I'm seen as representing Canada, then I feel proud of that."

If the Raptors wanted to do an about-face on the bench, they couldn't have picked more of a polar opposite to replace the larger-than-life Mitchell. To call Triano reserved in comparison to Mitchell would be a considerable understatement.

So it was no surprise Triano wasn't over the top when talking about the news Wednesday.

"It's a little bittersweet, Sam ... gave me the opportunity to work with him, and was great to work with. When you're together for 3 1/2 years, as well as being coaches you become friends," Triano said.

"But it's an opportunity and I look forward to moving forward and seeing what we can do with this basketball team."

The 48-year-old Triano first served as an assistant to Lenny Wilkens during the Raptors' 2002-03 season, but he'd already compiled a lengthy basketball career before arriving in Toronto.

He spent 11 distinguished seasons playing for Canada and then six more seasons as the team's head coach, leading the group that went 5-2 at the 2000 Olympics and finished seventh.

He counts the late Jack Donohue as one of his biggest coaching influences, along with Mitchell.

"When you play for somebody for 11 years, their philosophies and values not only of the game but the offcourt stuff gets instilled in you," Triano said.

Triano played his college ball for Simon Fraser University from 1977-81, where he set 11 records, including the career scoring mark of 2,616 points (which has since been passed). He was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1981 but never played a game with the team, and was also drafted by the Calgary Stampeders of the CFL.

He played in the 1984 and '88 Olympics, and was part of the team that won gold at the 1983 World University Games in Edmonton, beating the United States in a mammoth upset. He was inducted into Canada Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

Triano comes into the job 1-0. He served as interim head coach for one game last season when Mitchell was away on a family matter. The Raptors defeated the visiting New Jersey Nets 109-91 last Feb. 13.

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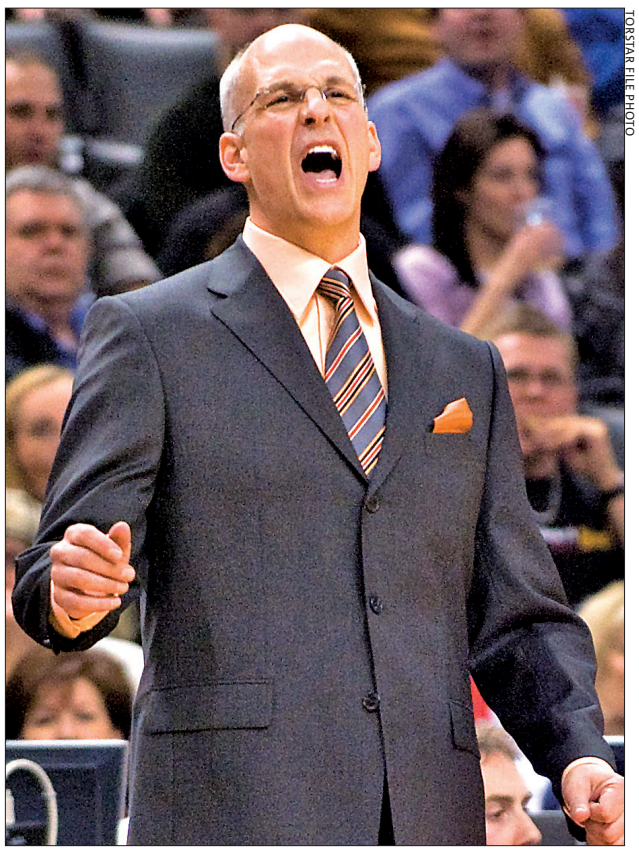

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Jay Triano acted as head coach for one game last year — a 109-91 Raptor victory over the Nets.

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Gretzky's rebuilding may pay off soon

Wayne Gretzky knows the recipe for building a winner.

It's simple, the Great One said, pointing to Ottawa, Washington and Pittsburgh as the role model for his Phoenix Coyotes.

"You get players like Alexander Ovechkin, and Sidney Crosby and Jason Spezza because you're not a good team," said Gretzky.

"It's pretty simple." The Coyotes are three years into a rebuilding program, with four rookies and four sophomores on their team.

"It takes time, it doesn't happen overnight," said Gretzky. "Right now the thing about our team we know we're getting better as a team and two months from now we're going to be better than we are today."

But stockpiling young talent comes at a price: losing. And that can be frustrating, said captain Shane Doan. "It's a grind," said Doan. "You get jealous of seeing the success that other teams have. You can't enjoy going through it, but at the same time you have to."

Gretzky said the team is ready to take the next step.

"We want to make the playoffs," said Gretzky. "We're right there knocking on the door."

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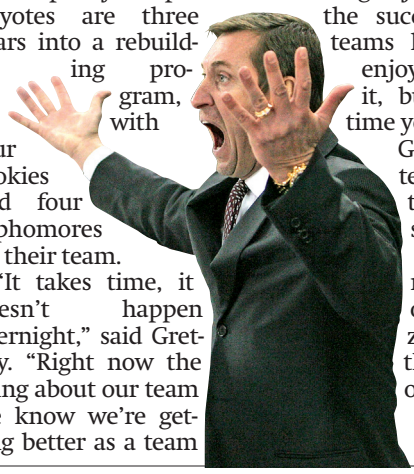

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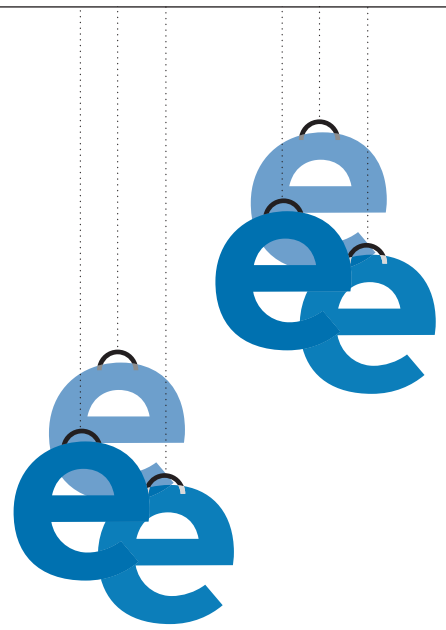

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Habs celebrate founding, part of 100th season celebrations
The Montreal Canadiens celebrated their 99th birthday with the opening of Centennial Plaza at the Bell Centre in Montreal yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

One-dimensional players not welcome

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TORSTARNEWS SERVICE FILE PHOTO
Zach Boychuk, left, and P.K. Subban are two of Team Canada's returning camp attendees.

The boys in the red and white may be a little green at this year's world junior championship in Ottawa.

Hockey Canada announced Wednesday its 38-player selection camp roster for the world junior championship, a group that will gather for four days in Ottawa starting Dec. 11.

Eighteen players coming to camp are aged 18 or younger, while there are only four returnees from the group that won Canada's fourth straight gold medal last year.

"It could be a bunch of 18-year-olds that make it," head coach Pat Quinn said. "It will be about maturity. Let's face it: Some 18-year-olds are more mature than some at 19 or 25 for that matter. If we're young, that's what we are."

The roster features four goalies, 14 defencemen and 20 forwards. Forwards John Tavares and Zach Boychuk and blueliners Thomas Hickey and P.K. Subban are the returnees.

Much-talked-about Montreal Junior forward Angelo Esposito will get a fourth crack at making the roster.

Some of the bigger names among the newcomers are Taylor Hall, an early favourite to go No. 1 in the 2010 NHL draft; Vancouver Canucks first-rounder Cody Hodgson; and St. Louis Blues fourth overall pick Alex Pietrangelo. One-dimensional players were not welcome.

"The guys coming to camp are real good players that do something elite but they have a well-rounded game," said the team's head scout, Al Murray.

If Canada can win a fifth straight medal, it would match its own record of five straight titles from 1992 to 1997. "At the end of the day on Dec. 15, we're hoping we can pick 22 men who will come together as a team," Quinn said. "It's not skill that wins in any game of hockey. It's how those skills blend to come together stronger as a unit."

Melrose back to ESPN
Barry Melrose will return to ESPN as a hockey analyst on Jan. 1. Melrose was fired as coach of the Tampa Bay Lightning last month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

A tainted NFL sellout

YorkReport

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A lot of us Canadians, it turns out, aren't suckers. We're not idiots. We're not willing to pay outrageous, absurd prices for an NFL game just because it'll be the first regular-season one on Canadian soil.

Clearly, fans have said no to the NFL's historic tilt at the Rogers Centre on Sunday afternoon and will either be leaving a considerable number of seats empty or paying more reasonable amounts for tickets than the game's organizers initially sought. In fact, visitors to websites such as craigslist.ca or kijiji.ca will find they can purchase tickets at half the original asking prices for non-VIP seats, which ranged from $110 to $350.

Oh, technically, the game's a sellout. Organizers with the Rogers corporation claimed almost all remaining tickets yesterday, I'm told, thus ensuring a theoretical sellout and eliminating any possibility of a local television blackout of the match between the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins.

But, "If you wait till Sunday morning (to check websites), I'm sure tickets will be going for even less than half price," said Gus Lambrinakos, co-operator of the Ultimate Touch Football League in Toronto and the owner of season-ticket subscriptions for nine NFL teams.

"I mean, you're talking about Buffalo and Miami, not the Super Bowl. People aren't stupid. They (organizers) overestimated the public. They thought they'd be well received but they're getting a rude awakening."

Lambrinakos himself purchased several end-zone tickets for Sunday's game at $140 each a few months ago but, because of his distaste for the NFL exhibition game at the Rogers Centre in August, he sold his seats for a slight profit and instead will be in New Jersey Sunday to watch the Philadelphia Eagles visit the New York Giants.

For that game, Lambrinakos paid $110 U.S. for a seat on the 30-yard line.

• A question about the Raptors' decision to fire Sam Mitchell as coach: WHAT TOOK SO LONG?

Mitchell was a liability. Several Raptors couldn't stomach him. He was ornery, arrogant, condescending and confrontational. It's wrong, however, that Raps bossman Bryan Colangelo gets a free pass from many. His team is weak, lacking depth.

• NBA superstar LeBron James isn't a free agent for two years but www.betonline.com already lists the Cleveland Cavaliers as 6-to-5 favourites to re-sign him. The New York Knicks follow the Cavs at 5-to-2. The Raptors, believe it or not, aren't that far behind in The LeBron Sweepstakes — at 15-to-1.

About Avery

• Controversial NHLer Sean Avery was extremely close to becoming a Maple Leaf before this season, Metro sports columnist Marty York has learned. For details, check out metronews.ca/nhlreport.

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Pierce didn't know Burress had gun: Lawyer

Antonio Pierce didn't know New York Giants teammate Plaxico Burress was carrying a gun last weekend until it accidentally discharged, injuring the receiver in the right thigh, Pierce's lawyer said yesterday. Pierce was with Burress at a Manhattan nightclub when the incident happened. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL comes to Toronto

Sunday, 4:05 p.m.

Buffalo, which will host the Dolphins in the first NFL regular season game to be played in Canada, comes into Sunday's contest having gone 1-5 in its past six games, including a particularly hard-to-swallow 10-3 home loss to the struggling San Francisco 49ers last week. Quarterback Trent Edwards is considered questionable for Sunday, and if he can't go, J.P. Losman would make his first start since presiding over a 36-14 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars last Nov. 25.

Losman is 10-21 as a starter in parts of five NFL seasons.

Things are much more positive around the visiting Dolphins, who will travel to Canada as a team with an eye on their first postseason berth since 2001. Miami, which went 1-15 a year ago, moved to 7-5 with last week's 16-12 win at St. Louis.

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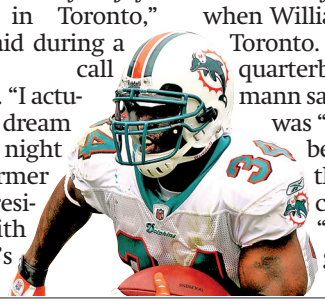
Williams looking forward to return

Ricky Williams can't wait to return to the Rogers Centre.

The former Heisman Trophy winner will be in uniform with the Dolphins on Sunday when they face the Buffalo Bills in a key AFC East contest. It will mark the first-ever NFL regular-season game played in Canada.

And it will be Williams' first appearance here since 2006 when he suited up for the CFL's Toronto Argonauts while suspended by the NFL for his fourth violation of the league's drug policy.

"I'm really looking forward to it, I really enjoyed my time in Toronto," Williams said during a conference call Wednesday. "I actually had a dream (Tuesday) night about (former Argos president) Keith Pelley, he's definitely in my thoughts and every time I get a chance I'm in contact with him."



Not everyone was happy when Williams signed with Toronto. Former Argos quarterback Joe Theismann said at the time he was "embarrassed" to be associated with the CFL team, called Williams "a disgrace to the game," and said the former Texas star "didn't deserve to play football."

Williams lived downtown during his year in Toronto and said he often enjoyed walking to a variety of locations during his free time.

"There was a nice homoeopathic shop on Bloor St. that I used to walk to and that was nice," he said. "Where we lived there were a lot of good restaurants, a good Thai food place."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sunday, 1 p.m.

Not only did the Lions fall to 0-12 with an every-bit-as-one-sided-as-it-sounds 47-10 loss to Tennessee on U.S. Thanksgiving Day, the fact that they did so in a nationally televised holiday game gave the entire country a glimpse at just how bad things have become. Detroit's opponent — the Minnesota Vikings — finally put some distance between themselves and the rest of the division by scoring an impressive 20-point win over Chicago and assuming a one-game lead with four remaining.

Sunday, 1 p.m.

A November surge may have helped the Indianapolis Colts' strengthen their playoff chances, but at this point they cannot afford a letdown — especially against one of the NFL's worst teams this season.

Peyton Manning and the Colts meet the woeful Bengals in Cincinnati, who are long gone from the AFC playoff picture.

The Colts have reached the playoffs each season since 2002.

Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Bears look to bounce back from last week's disappointing loss to the Vikings and continue their pursuit of a playoff spot when they entertain the disappointing Jacksonville Jaguars, who are trying to avoid losing four consecutive games for the first time in five years.

The Bears play their next three games on their home turf at Soldier Field. Jacksonville is coming off a loss to Houston on Monday night.

Sunday, 1 p.m.

The Tennessee Titans completed a late run to the playoffs last year with a victory in the final game of the NFL regular season.

They don't have to wait until the last minute to make plans for January this season.

The 11-1 Titans can seal their first division title since 2002 on Sunday at home in Nashville against Cleveland, the team it beat out for the AFC's final wild card berth one year ago.

Sunday, 1 p.m.

The slumping Green Bay Packers have gone 1-4 in their past five games to fall two games back of the first-place Vikings.

They'll need to beat the visiting Houston Texans on Sunday to hang on to any slim hope they have left of making the playoffs in the competitve AFC South.

The Texans, featuring star receiver Andre Johnson, will be playing on a short week after beating the Jags in Houston Monday night.

Sunday, 1 p.m.

The New Orleans Saints will find themselves playing the unwanted role of spoiler when the high-flying Atlanta Falcons swoop into the Superdome for a match that could go a long way towards realizing the up-and-coming team's playoff aspirations. New Orleans' postseason dreams have all but vanished. Play, pride and the opportunity to avenge a 34-20 defeat to Atlanta last month are the 6-6 Saints' only motivating factors for Sunday.

NFLPA files suit to block suspensions

The NFL Players' Association filed a lawsuit yesterday to block five of the six player suspensions for violating the league's anti-doping policy. The suit filed in U.S. federal court is on behalf of Kevin Williams and Pat Williams of the Minnesota Vikings, and Charles Grant, Deuce McAllister and Will Smith of the New Orleans Saints. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kelly wants to keep Bills exactly where they are

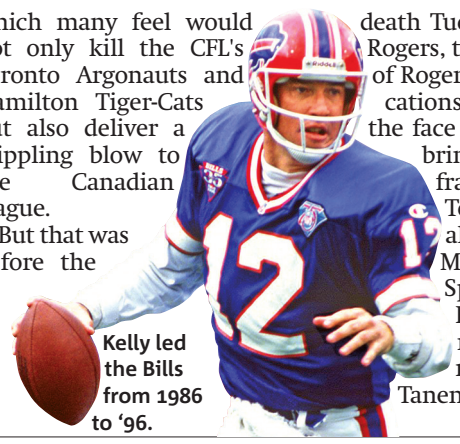
Jim Kelly has no qualms with the NFL setting up shop in southern Ontario, just not at the expense of Buffalo Bills fans.

"I could see it happening," the former Bill and Hall of Fame quarterback said of Toronto one day landing an NFL franchise. "I just don't want it to be Buffalo. I want the Buffalo Bills to stay where they're at ... on that side of the border. As long as I have anything to do with it, they're going to stay in Western New York." On Sunday, the Bills will host the Dolphins at Rogers Centre in the first-ever NFL regular-season game played in Canada.

The contest will be the second of eight Buffalo will play in Toronto through the 2012 season.

Many football pundits believe the games are the first step in the Bills eventually re-locating to Toronto, which many feel would not only kill the CFL's Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger-Cats but also deliver a crippling blow to the Canadian league.

But that was before the death Tuesday of Ted Rogers, the president of Rogers Communications, who was the face of efforts to bring an NFL franchise to Toronto, along with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment chairman Larry Tanenbaum.



Kelly led the Bills from 1986 to '96.

Kelly also doesn't want to see the CFL die at the expense of an NFL team in Toronto. "I think, yeah, they can definitely handle a franchise here in Toronto," Kelly said. "But I wouldn't want to see that be the demise of the Toronto Argonauts because they've worked so very hard, there's tradition here and I wouldn't want to see anything happen with the Buffalo Bills." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sunday, 4:15 p.m.

VS

Quarterbacks Tony Romo and Ben Roethlisberger are getting healthy, which means the playoff hopes of the Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers are increasing. Romo and Roethlisberger square off Sunday in Pittsburgh, as Dallas pays its first visit to Heinz Field in a matchup of teams riding three-game winning streaks — and two of the NFL's most sack-happy defences.

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Sunday, 1 p.m.

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While the New York Giants are closing in on an NFC East title, the Philadelphia Eagles will be fighting for their playoff lives when they enter the Meadowlands for a showdown between the two division rivals. The Giants are 11-1 and can wrap up first place by beating Philly, or if runner-up Dallas loses its game at Pittsburgh. A win would also clinch a first-round bye in the conference's postseason tournament for the defending world champions.

Sunday, 4 p.m.

VS

Kansas City is 2-10 and visit a probable division winner in Denver, but the Chiefs should have lots of confidence.

One of their two wins this season came against the Broncos back in Week 4, when the Chiefs dealt Denver a thorough 33-19 pounding at Arrowhead Stadium.

A win for the Chiefs Sunday would give the team its first home-and-home sweep of Denver since the 1999 season.

Sunday, 4 p.m.

VS

The New England Patriots played the worst 30 minutes of their season — and in many years, for that matter — in the second half last week during a loss to the Steelers. They'll need to be considerably better against the woeful Seahawks in Seattle or face the possibility of missing the NFL playoffs for the first time since 2002. New England is one game back of the first-place Jets in the AFC East heading into the season's final quarter, but is also tied with the surprising Dolphins .

Sunday, 4:15 p.m.

VS

San Francisco showed some gumption against one of the Jets' division foes last week, defeating the Bills in Buffalo 10-3. It was the team's first win in five road games and actually kept a faint heartbeat alive in the NFC West playoff race, where it trails Arizona by three games with four games remaining.

The Jets are 8-4 but unexpectedly lost by 17 points to Denver on their home turf last week.

Sunday, 4:15 p.m.

VS

Venturing outside the comfort zone of the subpar NFC West has brought the Arizona Cardinals back down to earth.

Facing a poor division rival like the St. Louis Rams may be just what the Cardinals need to get back on track and clinch their first division title since 1975 on Sunday at the University of Phoenix Stadium.

The Cards were destroyed by the Eagles 48-20 last Thursday on U.S. Thanksgiving.

Sunday, 8:15 p.m.

VS

Something more than area bragging rights will be at stake when the Baltimore Ravens visit the Washington Redskins for a Sunday night showdown. This interconference encounter between Mid-Atlantic residents could go a long way towards deciding the postseason fates of both teams. It's particularly important for the Redskins, whose playoff chances have been dealt a significant blow with three losses over a trying four-game stretch.

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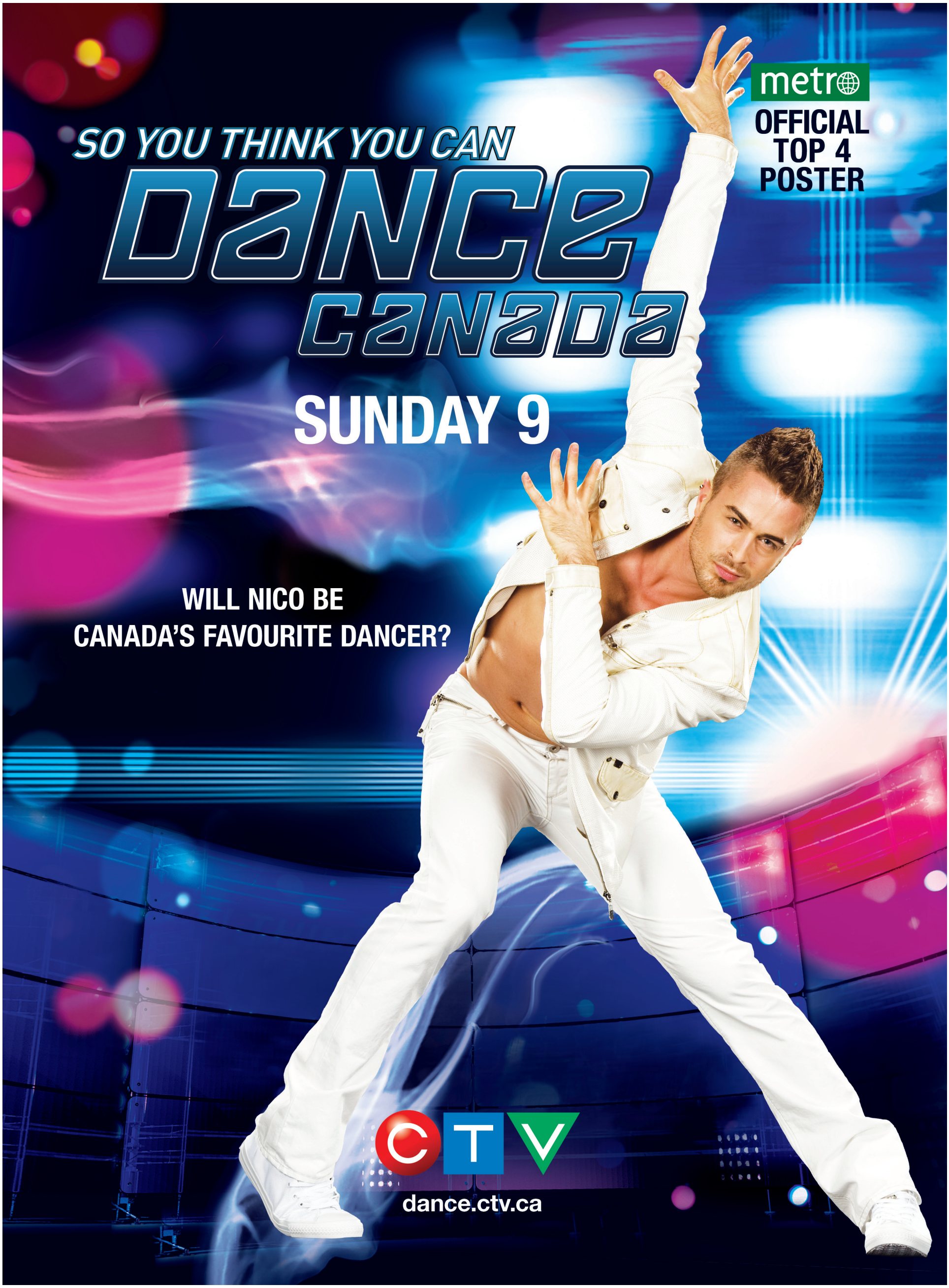
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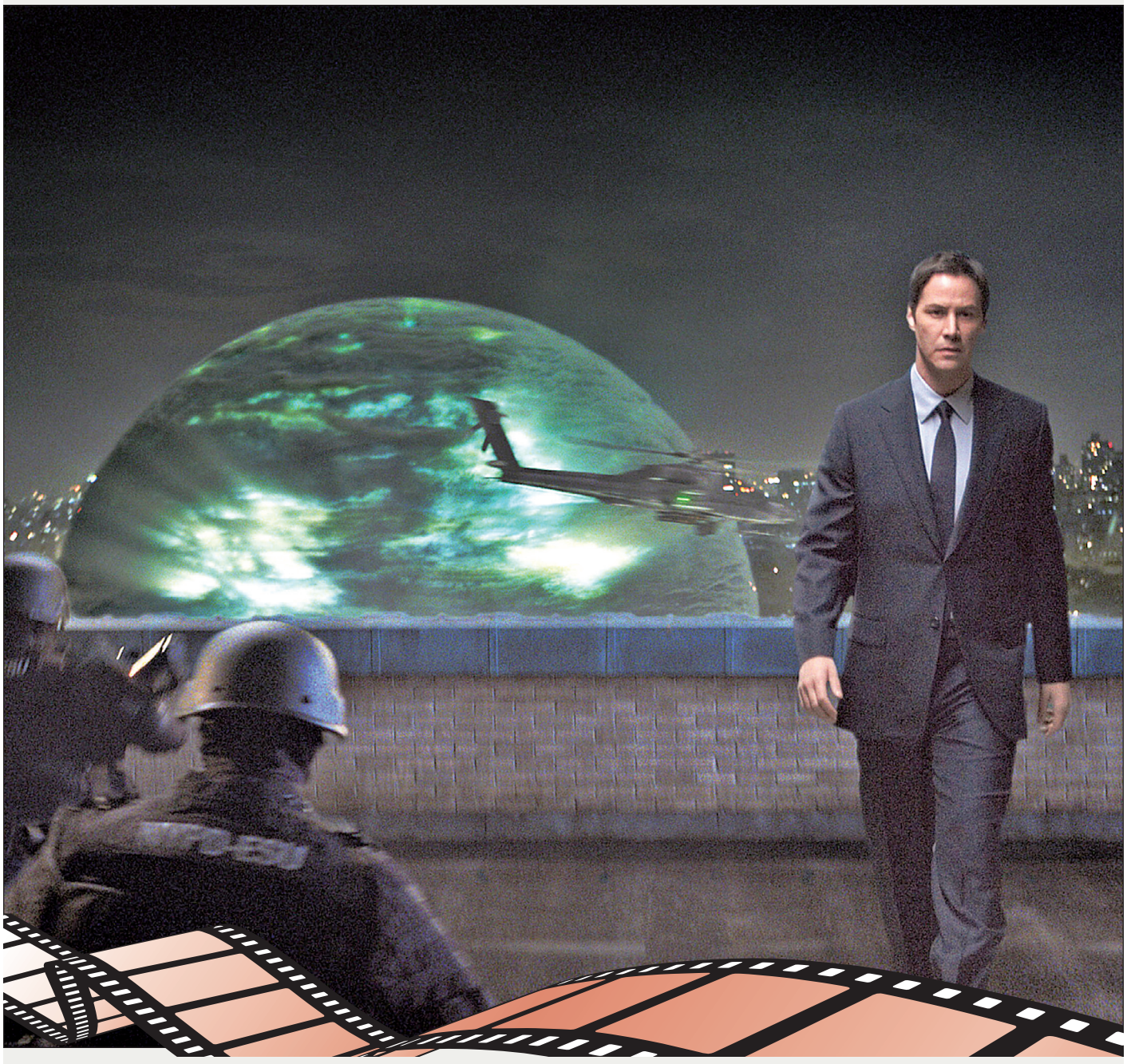

Keanu Reeves discusses his latest sci-fi role — the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the updated version of the film The Day The Earth Stood Still — including the challenges of trying to make a "believable" alien.

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Also in theatres

Also opening this week is the action film Punisher: War Zone. Visit metronews.ca/movies this Sunday for a review of the movie. You can also read the review in Monday's issue of Metro. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Frost/Nixon taut, dazzling

Frost/Nixon

Director: Ron Howard
Stars: Frank Langella, Michael Sheen
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW It certainly isn't a given that the play Frost/Nixon would make a great movie. After all, not only is it about Richard Nixon — one of America's least popular presidents — but it's based on a series of simple TV interviews from the 1970s.

Not exactly the stuff of cinematic awe.

When director Ron Howard (A Beautiful Mind) decided to tackle this adaptation however, he was brilliant enough to cast the same acclaimed duo that carried the play on Broadway. As such, the film features some of the year's greatest performances.

In the film, David Frost (Michael Sheen of The Queen) is a flashy English TV host who craves success in the States. Shortly after Nixon (Frank Langella) resigns following the Watergate scandal, Frost gambles his career on a series of interviews with the former president.

Convinced the "grand inquisitor" will just pitch him puffballs, Nixon aims to instead redeem his image in the eyes of the public but before long, the conversations escalate into a tense set of mind games.

As you may suspect, Frost/Nixon is extremely weighty in wordiness, but it's so tautly written that even the most antsy audience member will be riveted. Layered with subtext that reveals a fascinating glimpse into two opposing personalities, Frost/Nixon is only enhanced by its unexpected relevance.

A surprisingly brilliant man, Nixon was seemingly seething with his own omission of failure as president. Sound like any familiar contemporary political figures you know — except for the brilliant part anyhow?

More than anything, Frost/Nixon will be appreciated for its dazzling performances. While it will surely show Sheen the golden-paved road to stardom, it proves a captivating climax to the underappreciated career of veteran Frank Langella.

As it happens, life truly does imitate art.

On the web

• Visit metronews.ca/movies for Frost/Nixon showtimes, to see a trailer of the film, and hear audio excerpts from the Watergate recordings.

Frank Langella and Michael Sheen in Frost/Nixon.

Making the earth stand still

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News

Keanu Reeves can make the Earth stand still just with his incredible presence. The actor stars as the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the reworking of Robert Wise's 1951 masterpiece, The Day The Earth Stood Still, in theatres next Friday.

Looking elegant in the chic surroundings of the Ritz, Keanu Reeves tells us more.

Keanu Reeves plays the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the updated version of the sci-fi film The Day The Earth Stood Still.

Movie interview

Q Congratulations, you manage to come across as a scary alien without any overacting or weird physical traits.

A Thank you. It was scary to play an alien because it has to be believable. So I'm glad that you went along with the story. I approached it like any other role. I was trying to figure out what did the alien want, who was it, how does it exist. And I just came up with ideas for that and tried to play the role.

Q Did you watch the original?

A Yeah, sure. But this version of the film, and specifically Klaatu, the character that I play, is very different. I kind of thought of myself as his brother (laughs). But it's very different.

Q How is it different?

A In the original, the alien comes to Earth and, in a way, he's more human than humans. He has a very soft, personable, friendly disposition, and in my interpretation — or in terms of this story's interpretation, that's not the case. He's much more objective and distant and perhaps a little more cold.

Q Your Klaatu is less talkative as well. Yet we see the different emotions he is feeling despite his stoic expression.

A Yeah, the character has a character arch and as he begins, one of his first lines is, "This body will take some getting used to." So he starts more with his alien self and I think through the course of the film, he gains a little more human empathy and changes. He is affected by what he sees and by being in a human body. So that was the story I was telling.

Q (Co-star) Kathy Bates said you really terrified her.

A She did? Well, that's nice of her! (Laughs)

Q Both the original and this remake carry strong messages for humankind.

A The original was more about violence and the expansion of violence. The alien came and said, "If you continue with this violent path, we will be more violent than you." So there was kind of a threat there. If that's violence, I don't know. In this film, I guess it's ecology. I guess the human character. The film says we are at a crossroads with our planet. We, as a human species, are having such an adverse impact on the planet that either we're going to die or the planet's going to die. And if the Earth dies, we die. But if you die, the Earth survives. My character is here to make a judgment on the human species and comes to learn and believe that at this crossroads, at this tipping point, human beings can change, that we will be able to survive ourselves and hopefully some other species on the planet.

On the web

• Visit metronews.ca/movies to see a trailer from the new version of The Day The Earth Stood Still, and clips from the 1951 version.

Q Do you think there's also a political message, especially when Kathy Bates' character says, "You don't talk to the U.N. You talk to us"?

A Yeah, it's a multi-layered film and I think part of it is the representation in the beginning that America is aggressive, and when it's confronted by something unknown reacts aggressively. The story we tell is that maybe that's not the best way to be, that that kind of aggression has adverse consequences. And Kathy Bates' character comes to realize that. She's like, "We need to have a dialogue, we need to talk. There has to be a different way."

Q Does it resonate with what's happening today?

A Yeah. It's an issue that people are thinking about in the world and hopefully the film will be part of the solution.

Q Do you think that movies and art in general can help people change or raise awareness?

A Yeah, I hope so. I think it's part of a dialogue. It's part of — I use the German word gestalt. I think it's on a lot of people's minds, in terms of global warming and extinction of species, the impact that humans are having on the planet.

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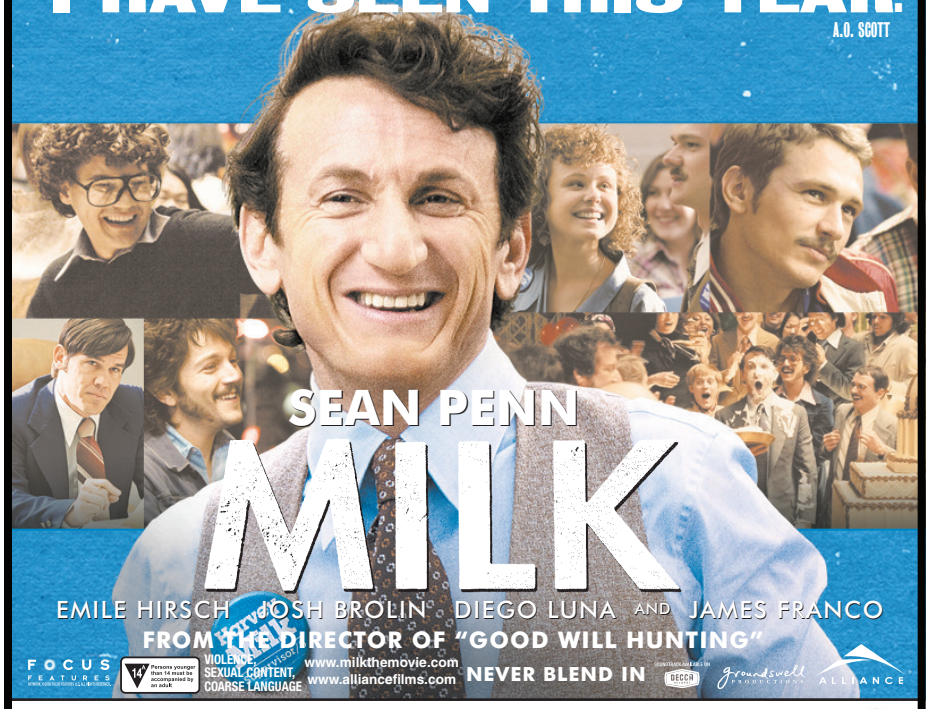

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Director's Toronto memories come to the big screen

STEVE VEALE
for Metro Canada

FEATURE The body was sprawled on the ground but it was the shoelaces that always stuck in Aaron Woodley's memory.

"I was fascinated with those shoelaces," admitted the film director. "I just couldn't understand how someone could get up in the morning, get dressed, lace-up his shoes and then jump off a bridge."

As a young man, Woodley was actually walking under Toronto's Leaside Bridge just after a man had leapt to his death. It is this memory that appears in the first tale of Toronto Stories — in theatres next Friday.

The segment, aptly titled Shoelaces, introduces an anthology of stories by a quartet of writer/directors — each one providing a unique perspective of the people and events in the city. Theses include Sook-Yin Lee's quirky relationship in The Brazilian, Sudz Sutherland's crime thriller Windows, and David Weaver's darkly atmospheric Lost Boys. Woodley grew up in and around the Cabbagetown area and vividly captures the autumn colours of his childhood in the slightly faded pastel tones of an old photograph.

"It has the warmth of a memory," said Woodley when describing his coming-of-age story. The precocious Cayle and Jacob are two children about to enter their teen years. They are both misfits who bond because they have no one else to turn to.

As the two sneak out after midnight to find the Cabbagetown Monster that supposedly lives in a storm drain, it is Cayle who subtly allows the viewer to wonder if the real monster may instead live in one of those very proper homes along the respectable tree-lined street.

"I wanted to show that beauty and darkness co-exist," said Woodley. "Cayle slowly insinuates that there are terrible things going on in these houses that we are never meant to see. She is a little girl living with the loss of a parent and may be suffering abuse from another."

Rickman holds story together

Nobel **Son**

Director: Randall Miller
Stars: Alan Rickman, Mary Steenburgen
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

Mary Steenburgen and Alan Rickman star in Randall Miller's Nobel Son.

In a season filled with big movies that promise big meaning, it's refreshing to find a film that delivers on its modest goal of providing smart, subversive entertainment.

At its heart, Nobel Son is a story about a father and his son. Alan Rickman plays Eli Michaels, a university professor for whom the term egomaniac doesn't do justice. He regularly cheats on his police psychiatrist wife Sarah, (Mary Steenburgen) is contemptuous of his son Barkley's (Bryan Greenberg) decision to study anthropology rather than follow in his footsteps as a Nobel Prize winning scientist and is generally baffled by the world's ignorance of his intellect.

These family tensions boil over after Barkley is kidnapped following a roll in the hay with a brooding poet/artist named City Hall (Eliza Dushku). Eli thinks Barclay is pulling the wool over his eyes and is reluctant to pay the $2 million dollar ransom demanded by Barclay's kidnapper.

The film's strength comes from its chameleon nature. The first 20 minutes play like a typical dysfunctional family comedy before swiftly shifting into a twisted kidnap caper then settling into a bizarre psychological thriller. By playing with the viewer's familiarity of each genre, director Randall Miller — who also co-wrote the script — is able to create a genuinely original and entertaining film. Miller has also assembled a stellar supporting cast including Bill Pullman, Ted Danson and Danny DeVito as a recovering obsessive-compulsive. But it's the always-fabulous Alan Rickman who holds the story together. His ability to give such a loathsome character charm and wit forces viewers to root for Eli, even when they know all he deserves is his comeuppance.

There are elements of Nobel Son to quibble over; its stylized edits, split screens and a late '90s electronica soundtrack are distracting at first. But given a chance, these disorienting elements bleed into the increasingly dense plot. Viewers willing to stick it out though will be rewarded with a rare film that only gets better as each frame rolls.

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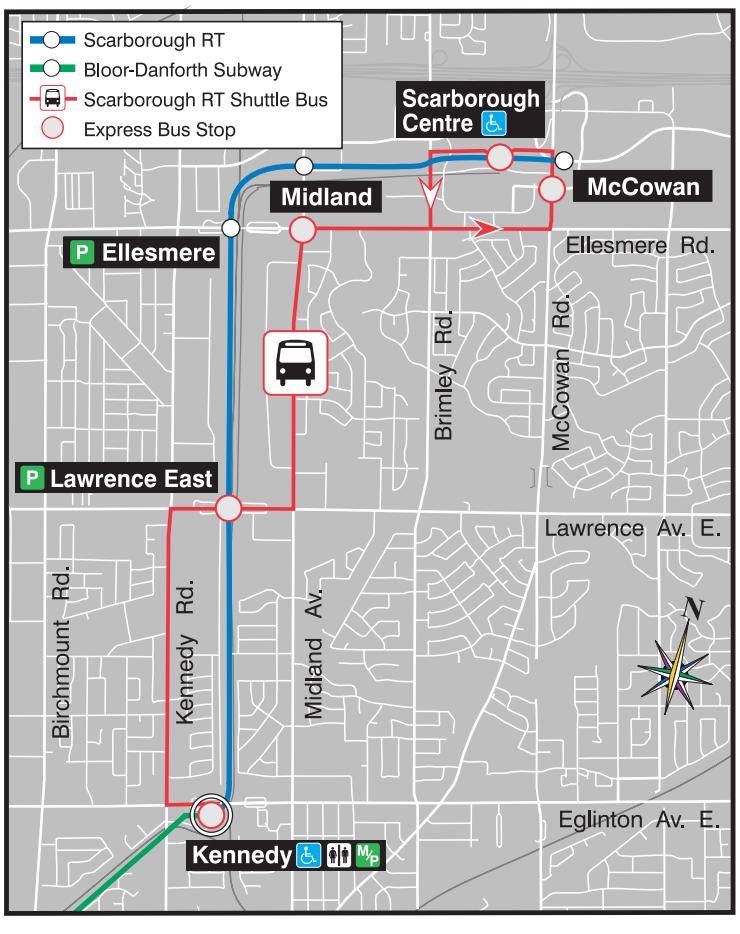

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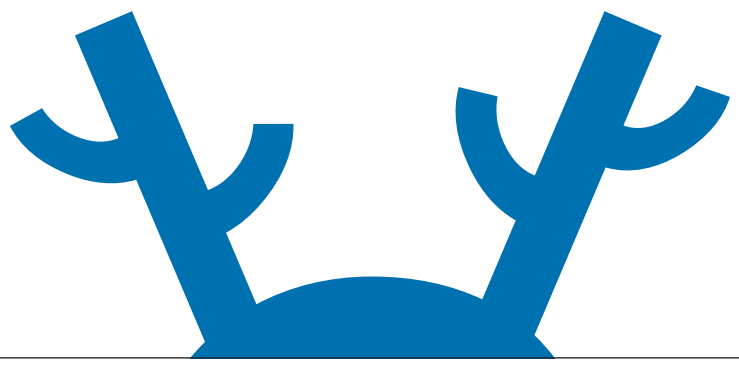

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Dark Shadows for Depp and Burton
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InFocus

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A fireball, but no aliens in the Prairies

Recently a giant meteor lit up the Canadian prairie sky. "It was really bright. We weren't really sure what happened ... got up to look out the window, and all of a sudden, we heard this rumbling," said one witness.

If this happened in a movie, a nerdy lab-coated scientist would say something like, "No telling what kind of meteor it is or what goes on inside of it … it's been gathering the secrets of time and space for billions of years," before giant bugs or aliens hatch from the mysterious rock, bringing intergalactic mayhem with them.

Next week a massive fireball will bring Keanu Reeves crashing to earth in The Day the Earth Stood Still, a remake of the 1951 sci-fi classic. In it he plays Klaatu, an ambassador from an extra-terrestrial confederation who arrives with a simple message for the people of the third rock from the sun: "If the Earth dies, you die. If you die, the Earth survives."

All in all, fireballs are usually bad news.

Remember Cloverfield? After a burst of light from the sky illuminated lower Manhattan, a colossal creature resembling a giant sweaty salamander with the mumps laid waste to the city.

In The Day of the Triffids meteors do double dastardly duty. First, a colorful meteor shower attracts worldwide attention, but the light from the shower renders most of Earth's population blind. Next, spores from the meteors turn into plant-like space aliens. That development leads to my favorite-ever line in a meteor movie.

"Keep behind me," says hero Tony Goodwin. "There's no sense in getting killed by a plant."

Movie meteors aren't always bad, however. Robert Townsend wrote, directed and starred in Meteor Man about a meek Washington, D.C., teacher who develops superpowers after being hit by a glowing green meteor. Using his newly found abilities he cleans up the streets after a drug lord moves into his neighborhood.

So far there haven't been any reports from the prairies of alien spores, superhuman behavior or giant beasts terrorizing Brandon, Man., but if movie science is to be believed anything is possible.

According to Paul Frees in The Monolith Monsters you never know when the meteor will make itself known. "Meteors!" he says. "Another strange calling card from the limitless regions of space — its substance unknown, its secrets unexplored. The meteor lies dormant in the night — waiting!"

Plant-like creatures created panic in The Day of the Triffids.

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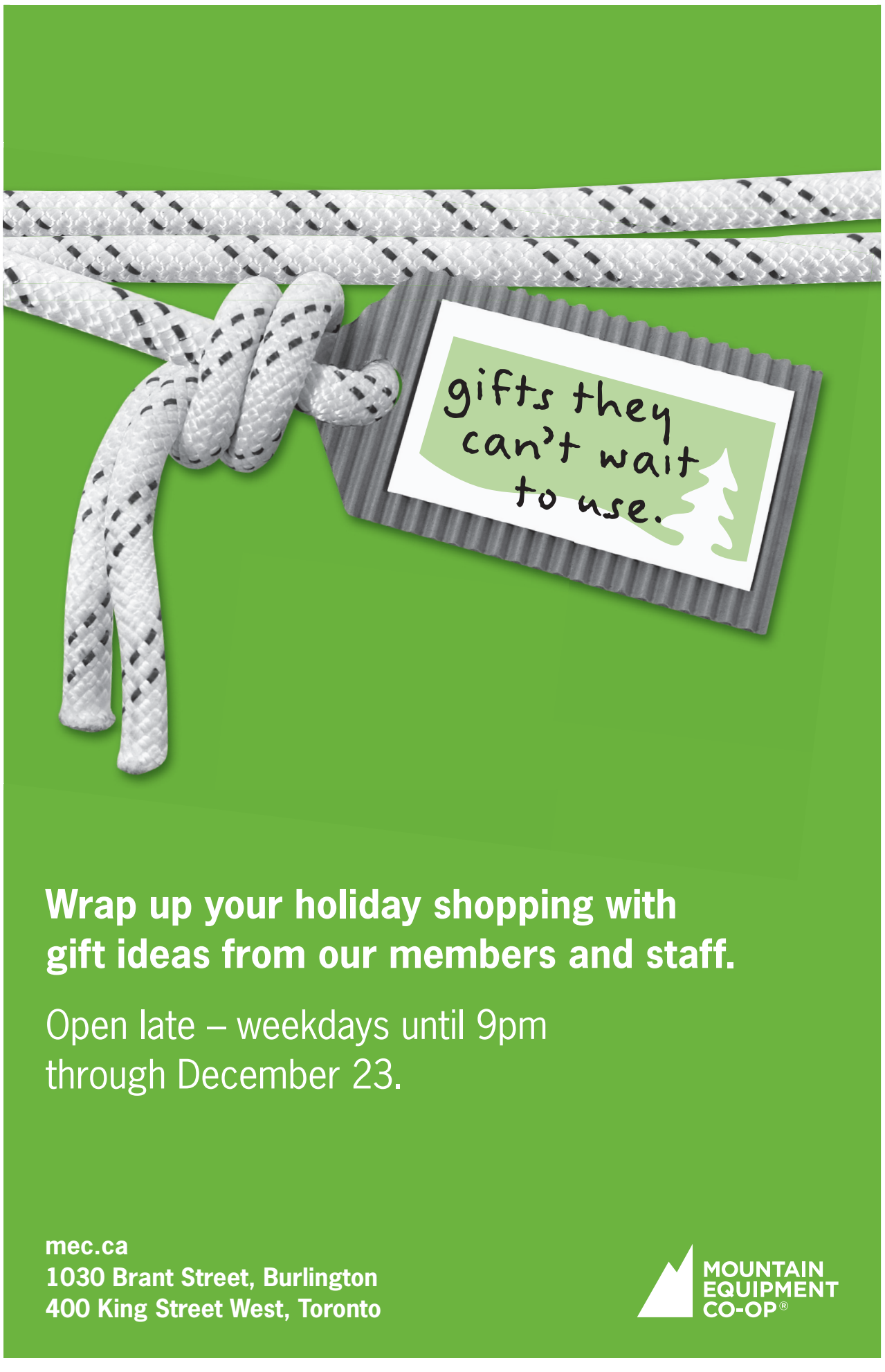

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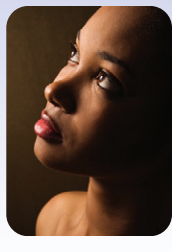

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Spice not a satisfying dish

A Touch of **Spice**

Director: Tassos Boulmetis
Stars: Georges Corraface
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A Touch Of Spice was originally released in 2003 in Greece.

A Touch Of Spice was originally released in 2003 and was a beloved hit in Greece. It's easy to see why: The film is filled with subtle observations about Greek family life and features rich production values.

However, the North American release has been delayed five years for a reason. The movie is easy to appreciate on a technical level, but the story and characters are so rooted in Greek customs and history that it offers very little appeal to anyone who isn't fully versed in the culture.

There's nothing wrong with that approach and I'm sure that the film plays like gangbusters to its intended audience, but a little too much is lost in translation.

The film tells the story of a Fandis, who we see master the art of cooking as a child and become an astronomer in his adult life (you know, that old story). The purpose of the bizarre career swap is part of an extended food-as-life metaphor that doesn't quite work.

During his childhood Fandis is deported from Turkey to Greece at the start of the Cypriot intercommunal violence in 1963, making the film a political allegory as well. Director Tassos Boulmetis also tries to cram in a love story, but ends up tossing far too many balls into the air for one movie. There are so many elements in play that it is often difficult to determine what Boumetis is trying to say.

It may be muddled, but A Touch Of Spice is by no means a disaster. The cast is excellent, the cinematography is gorgeous, and a handful of complicated special effects shots are worked into the film seamlessly. But even though there are some wonderful ingredients in play, they just don't come together to form a satisfying dish.

Romance and misunderstandings in Montreal

Adam's **Wall**

Director: Michael MacKenzie
Stars: Jesse Aaron Dwyre, Flavia Bechara
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●½

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Flavia Bechara and Jesse Aaron Dwyre star in Adam's Wall.

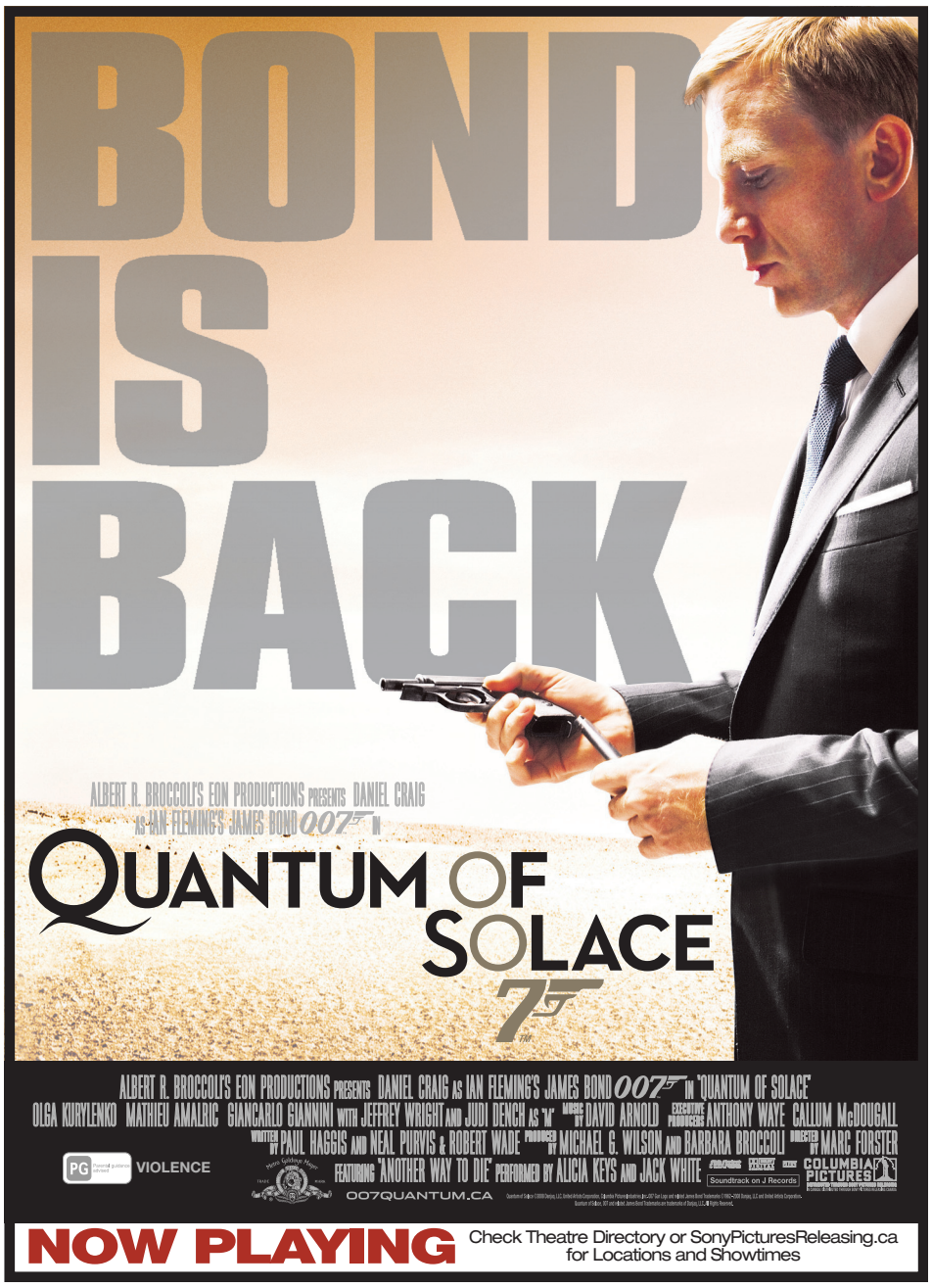
REVIEW Within the first ten minutes, Adam's Wall moves from the West Bank to Montreal and the thigh-deep winter snow. We see a young couple shot dead at a checkpoint — a small tragedy in a much larger one — and cut to their son, who's being moved from their cozy, bohemian home to his grandfather's much more charmless, orthodox one. The boy is Adam, and the film's titular wall is a crumbling piece of masonry in Mount Royal Park, where he hides the few souvenirs he has of their lives.

We see Adam again a few years later, a young man (Jesse Aaron Dwyre) blundering into one of the endless political protests that, like the snow and the park, is a feature of life in Montreal, though far less picturesque. In a single overhead shot he has a "meet cute" with Yasmine (Flavia Bechara), a young girl in a full-length burka, which she quickly sheds as soon as the protest is over; a recent arrival from Lebanon, she's a Christian standing in for Arab women at the die-in before it's broken up by campus security.

It's love at first sight, at least for Adam, who doesn't seem to give a thought to the enmity and tension between his Orthodox Jewish community and the Arab neighbours, Muslim and otherwise, who they rub shoulders with in Quebec's non-Francophone minorities.

There's a romance, complicated by misunderstandings, all converging on the revelation of a secret — Michael MacKenzie's film makes no effort at all to escape the conventions of this sort of story, though he tries to juice it up with a few touches of magic realism.

The message — Why can't we all just get along? — is as predictable as the story, though the performances by Dwyre and Bechara go a long way to creating the viewer's goodwill necessary to overlook the film's shortcomings.



Rock, Sarandon among stars going to Sundance

Films featuring Chris Rock, Pierce Brosnan, Susan Sarandon, Paul Giamatti and Emily Watson are among those competing for top honours at January's Sundance Film Festival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Down to the Dirt full of grit and clutter

Down to the Dirt

Director: Justin Simms
Stars: Joel Thomas Hynes
Classification: STC
Rating: ½

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Joel Thams Hynes, left, plays a man trying to find his way.

REVIEW In Down to the Dirt, Keith Kavanagh (Joel Thomas Hynes) is on a downward spiral.

The black sheep of small town Newfoundland seems to find himself in trouble at every turn. The reputation he's created for himself is not exactly a shining one — everyone in the town seems to consider him destined for decrepitude.

Between poor relationships with his parents, constant verbal abuse from his only friend, and run-ins with the police, Kavanagh's outlook isn't very bright. That is until he meets Natasha (Mylène Savoie), an isolated young woman with her own social failings and a veritable diamond in the rural maritime rough for Keith. The two quickly fall for one another and plan departure from their minimal origins for the big city of St. John's.

While the pair seeks a better life, their expectations fall quickly flat as they begin to realize the responsibilities of independence, and the flaws not seen before in the idealized portraits they'd painted of one another. Down to the Dirt premièred at the Toronto International Film Festival in September. At one screening, Joel Thomas Hynes, lead actor and co-writer candidly divulged how elements of his own past influenced his Keith Kavanagh character.

Any autobiographical aspects contained in Down to the Dirt are clear. Hynes' performance as Kavanagh is genuine, passionate and displays obvious personal investment. The self-awareness shown by Hynes contributes a level of authenticity to the film that would otherwise be just another coming-of-age Canadian tale.

The grit in story distinguishes it as a truly poignant account of resistance to change, and the pitfalls of growing up. While the provision of this through characterization and script makes the film engaging, its pacing and preoccupation with too many plot points of ill significance, generates unnecessary clutter.

Pantoliano fills role with subtlety

Movie feature

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

When you're a child, your parents should be your tower of strength, your anchor of stability. But what happens when one parent just can't tow the line?

Not because they refuse to do so, but because they are simply incapable of leading any kind of "normal" life?

That's the dramatic thrust behind writer/director Joseph Greco's Canvas, the moving and heartfelt story of 10 year old Chris Marino, and the personal and social agony he endures watching his mother (Marcia Gay Harden) wither under the stranglehold of Schizophrenia.

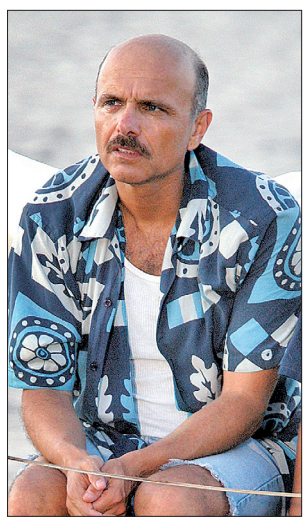
Playing Chris's long suffering but unconditionally loving father, John, is much admired character actor Joe Pantoliano. And while Harden gets the showier role as the increasingly agitated mother, the heart and soul of the picture rests in Pantoliano's subtle, haunted turn, a performance that was fuelled by personal experience.

"Making this film forced me to look at my own situation growing up," says the actor, whose numerous credits include Memento and The Matrix.

"My mother had an undiagnosed mental disease. At the time I attributed her outbursts to typical Italian-American behavior. We all knew my mom was crazy but we never thought of it as so-called 'real crazy.'

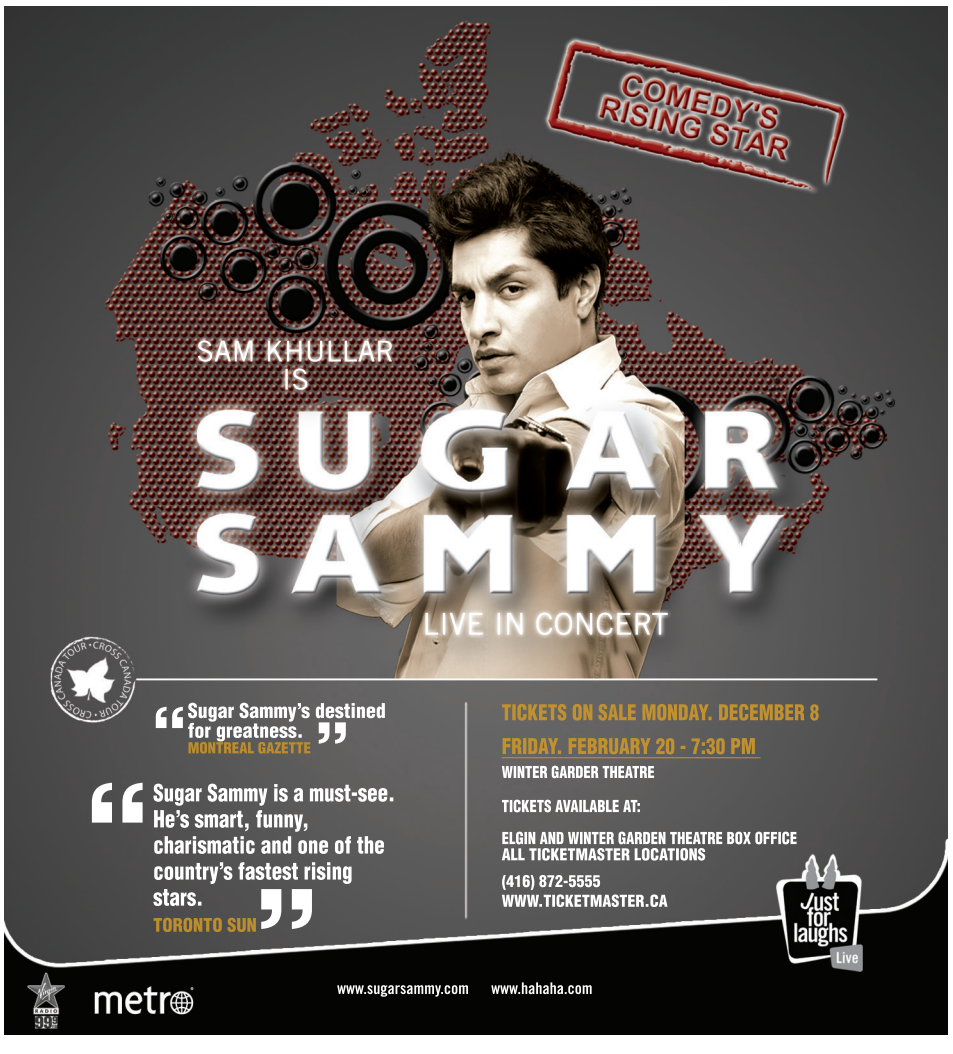
"All the movies we watched showed mentally ill people as very extreme when in reality it's much subtler."

Greco's gentle, moving film has been garnering positive reviews as a result of North American film festival exposure and a brief U.S. theatrical run last year (the film finally opens in Toronto next Friday). And though Canvas takes a stark and realistic look at the turmoil and despair that mental illness wreaks upon the family unit, the movie's message is ultimately positive.



Joe Pantoliano

"I think Canvas offers hope," says Pantoliano, "Being involved with it has put me on a path that I'd never expected to travel. I've learned so much. Professionally, I did the movie to show my fan base what I could do as an actor and, you know, if this was a big budget Hollywood film, I'd have never have gotten that chance."



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Perry testifies in copyright lawsuit
Actor-screenwriter Tyler Perry has testified in a copyright infringement lawsuit that he did not steal material from a woman's play for his blockbuster movie Diary of a Mad Black Woman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

Confessions goes where few would

Confessions of a Porn Addict

Director: Duncan Christie
Stars: Spencer Rice
Classification: STC
Rating:

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For young men today, porn is as prevalent and accessible as sports once was for previous generations, and it's amusing — in a dark, clammy kind of way — to see how some of them have taken to porn appreciation with an enthusiasm and an eye for trivia and even connoisseurship that remains a hallmark of the male character.

Confessions of a Porn Addict stars Spencer Rice.

This is the world of Confessions of a Porn Addict, a new film starring Spencer Rice in a dialed-down variation on the hangdog character he plays on the Showcase "reality" show Kenny Vs. Spenny. Rice plays Mark, recently divorced thanks to his all-consuming porn obsession, which has become both consolation and torment as he longs for a second chance with his ex.

Filmed in the ever-popular "mock doc" style, the film follows Mark as he leaves Toronto for the porn industry's ground zero, in a quest for reconciliation with the wife who he's discovered has become the latest starlet in the stable of his favorite porn producer.

He's followed by his filmmaking buddy (director Duncan Christie) and his crew, and Mark Breslin as his 12-step sponsor, a man who reveals that he hasn't had an orgasm in a decade.

It's a shambling story, alternating between deadpan comedy and cringe-worthy spectacle. Rice almost reluctantly holds the centre of the story down, but it's Breslin who quietly steals the show with his portrayal of a man who long ago absorbed the tragedy of his life and has moved past it, to a dispirited place few of us would ever want to visit.

Documentary looks at life of media hoaxer

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Is there sex after death? That's the name of infamous media prankster Alan Abel's 1971 mockumentary which doesn't exactly answer the question, but does offer a mildly-amusing look at the sexual revolution.

Over 30 years ago, when Alan and his wife Jeanne Abel's film first hit theatres, it was praised by critics but then fell into obscurity, only to be intermittently released on VHS and DVD.

On Dec. 7, it will play in tandem at the Bloor Cinema with a documentary about Abel's life, produced by his daughter Jenny Abel. Abel Raises Cain looks at the media hoaxer's bizarre career from his daughter's perspective.

"I wanted to explore the two sides of Alan Abel that I grew up knowing very well — the loving family man and the slightly deranged professional hoaxer," she writes in a director's statement.

If you go

- Abel Raises Cain will play at the Bloor Cinema, Sunday Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. and 5:15 p.m., followed by a showing of Is There Sex After Death? at 3 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. and a Q & A with Alan Abel.

Abel Raises Cain highlights Abel's ability to deadpan, spoof and fool thousands as it chronicles the gamut of hoaxes Alan Abel gave birth to from the 1950s onward, drawing nationwide media attention, notoriety and, in some cases, loathing and disgust.

"A nude horse is a rude horse," Abel is heard saying over the airwaves, representing his fabricated group advocating for animals be clothed.

During a time when controversial assisted-suicide advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian's name was synonymous with evil, Abel sold the idea of Euthanasia Cruises.

Further along in his kooky career, he came up with the KKK Symphony Orchestra, to shed a kinder, gentler light on the reputation of the men in white hoods.

Finally, he invoked anger and hatred from mothers across the country with his group against women who breastfeed, saying after studying thousands of women, his team of scientists discovered mother's get an erotic charge from nursing their infants and breastfeeding should therefore be abolished.

Abel Raises Cain attempts to explain the motives behind Abel's unusual behaviour and life's work. "Most people cannot figure out what makes us tick," Abel tells the camera near the conclusion of the film. He goes on to explain that he's spent his life creating dramatic stunts simply to raise media awareness and encourage people to think about and question what they read, see, or hear.

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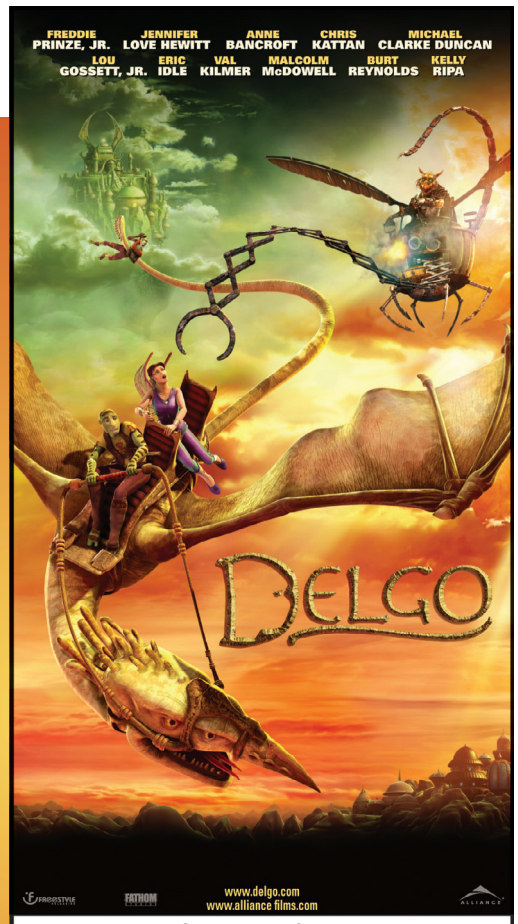

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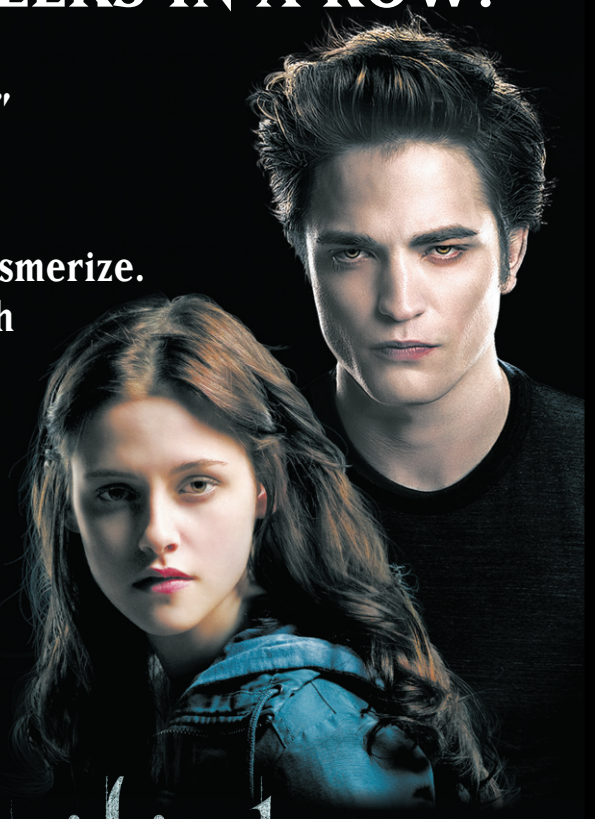

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Poster for Knowing shows up online

The poster for Alex Proyas' high-concept dark thriller, Knowing, has shown up on the Internet and sent fans speculating the film may be bigger in scope than anyone previously suspected. **IMDB.COM**

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Australia

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REVIEW Australia is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has "a strange power." What director Baz Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess. Set during the outbreak of World War II, Australia features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, thewidow of a mysteriously murdered cattle ranch owner.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Changeling

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REVIEW Directed by legendary icon Clint Eastwood, Changeling tells the emotional journey of Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a single mother in 1920s Los Angeles who comes home to find her son missing. After weeks of relentlessly searching, the police suddenly show up with her child, Only one catch: It ain't him.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Eagle Eye

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REVIEW When Steven Spielberg first came up with the idea for Eagle Eye, it probably seemed like an outrageous science fiction story. Now, some ten years later — and having handed the reins over to Disturbia director D.J. Caruso — Eagle Eye may be a high-octane, car crash-filled action flick, but it hardly contains the insightfulness of what it truly needs to work.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Four Christmases

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REVIEW Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during the holidays. After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, the couple embark on their dreaded four Christmases. Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television during the holidays.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Twilight

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REVIEW Kristin Stewart stars as Bella, a young girl who moves to a small town and becomes instantly captivated by a classmate named Edward who is part of a very peculiar and insular family known as the Cullens. As Bella becomes more attracted to Edward, she discovers that the Cullens are a clan of vampires. But these are no typical Count Dracula folk: instead, they're very safe emo-vampires who only drink animal blood and spend of most of their time silently emoting and looking pretty rather than preying on helpless victims. Thus begins the epic tale of vampire forbidden love that has made the hearts of millions of teenage girls swoon.

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A Touch of Spice (Greek w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:10-9:50
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The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:15-9:50
A Christmas Tale (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:40-8
Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon 1-3:50-9:40 Tue-Thu 1-3:50-6:45-9:40
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I've Loved You So Long (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:10
Passchendaele (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:30
RocknRolla (14A) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:15
The Secret Life of Bees (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10
Synecdoche, New York (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:45

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Tell No One (14A) Fri-Sat 6:45-9:30 Sun 4:05-7 Tue-Thu 7

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

Mamma Mia! Sing-a-Long (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Sat 9:15 Sun 7 Tue-Thu 7

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4:20-8
Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:20-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:20-5-7:30-9:55
Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:50
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Tue 2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40 Wed 2:30-4:50-9:40 Thu 2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic Encore (STC) Sat 1
Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:50-10:20
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:15-7:40-10:30 Thu 7:40 Thu 1:20-4:15-10:30
Role Models (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:05-10:10 Sat 7:05-10:10 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:05-10:10 Mon 1:30-4:30-10:10 Tue 1:30-4:30-7:05-10:10 Wed 4:30-7:05-10:10 Thu 1:30-4:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:30-7:10-10:05 Wed 3:30-7:10-10:05 Thu 12:40-3:30-7:10-10:05
Twilight (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4-7-10 Wed 4-7-10 Thu 1-4-7-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

Australia (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:45-1:30-2:30-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-8-9-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-11:45-12:45-1:30-2:30-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-8-9-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-8-9-9:45-10:30
Body of Lies (14A) Fri 1:45-4:35-7:30-10:35 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:45-4:35-7:30-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:30-10:35
Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:15-4:35-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:35-7:05-9:35
Eagle Eye (14A) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:20-10
The Express (PG) Tue-Thu 2:05-4:50
Four Christmases (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12-1:30-2-2:30-3-3:45-4:30-5-5:30-6-7-7:30-8-8:45-9:30-10-10:30-11 Special Engagement Sat 10:45-11:30-12-12:30-1:30-2-2:30-3-3:45-4:30-5-5:30-6-7-7:30-8-8:45-9:30-10-10:30-11 Special Engagement Sun 10:45-11:30-12-12:30-1:30-2-2:30-3-3:45-4:30-5-5:30-6-7-7:30-8-8:45-9:30-10-10:30 Mon-Thu 2-2:30-3-3:45-4:30-5-5:30-6-7-7:30-8-8:45-9:30-10-10:30
JCVD (14A) Fri-Thu 2-5:30-8-10:15
Let the Right One In (14A) Fri-Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Mon-Tue 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Wed 2:10-10:20 Thu 2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20
Nobel Son (14A) Fri 1:40-4:45-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:45-1:40-4:45-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:25-10:05
Punisher: War Zone (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:10-2:10-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-7:10-8:10-9:10-10:10-11 Special Engagement Sat 11:10-12:10-1:10-2:10-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-7:10-8:10-9:10-10:10-11 Special Engagement Sun 11:10-12:10-1:10-2:10-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-7:10-8:10-9:10-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-3:10-4:10-5:10-6:10-7:10-8:10-9:10-10:10
Real Time (STC) Wed 7:35-10:25
RocknRolla (14A) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:40-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:45
Role Models (14A) Fri 1:45-2:20-4:20-5-7:10-7:40-8:20-9:50-10:20-10:50 Sat 10:55-11:40-12:30-1:45-2:20-3:10-4:20-5-5:40-7:10-7:40-8:20-9:50-10:20-10:50 Sun 10:55-11:40-12:30-1:45-2:20-3:10-4:20-5-5:40-7:10-7:40-8:20-9:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:45-2:20-3:10-4:20-5-7:10-7:40-8:20-9:50-10:20
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:40
Synecdoche, New York (14A) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:05-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:25 Mon 2:05-10:25 Tue 7:35-10:25 Thu 7:35-10:25

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Chakk de Phatte (STC) Fri-Thu 4-9:30
Dostana (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3:30-6:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-6:45 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:15
Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 1-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
Yuvvraaj (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 9

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-3-4:15-7:10-8:10
Bolt (G) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:30-9:15 Fri-Thu 1:30-4:35-7:25-10:05
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri-Mon 1-3:45-6:45-9:25 Tue 3:45-6:45-9:25 Wed-Thu 1-3:45-6:45-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
Changeling (14A) Fri-Thu 12-3:15-6:55-10:15
Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-2:15-3:55-5-6:35-7:40-9:20-10:10
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:25-9:25
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:20-9
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic Encore (STC) Sat 1
Milk (STC) Fri-Mon 1-4:05-7:15-10:30 Tue 4:05-7:15-10:30 Wed-Thu 1-4:05-7:15-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4-7-10
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20 Sun-Thu 12:50-1:20-3:50-4:20-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20
Role Models (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:25-7:35-10:25
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:05-9:55
Twilight (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-1:15-3:40-4:25-6:40-7:30-9:45-10:35 Wed 12:30-1:15-3:40-4:25-6:40-9:45-10:35 Thu 12:30-1:15-3:40-4:25-6:40-7:30-9:45-10:35

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Australia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:20-7:35
Bolt (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:55-7:05-9:15
Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:10-5:20-7:30-9:40
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:50-5-7:05-9:10
Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:45-9:15
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:30
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:35
Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:25

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:15-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 8
Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 2:30-5-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:40
Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri 1:15-4:45-7:30-10 No Passes Sat 1:15-7:30-10 No Passes Sun 1:15-4:45-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 1:30-4:30-7-9:20 Sat 4:30-7-9:20 Sun 1:30-4:30-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic Encore (STC) Sat 1
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:50

FESTIVAL CINEMAS FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

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NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Adam's Wall (PG) Fri 4:45-7:30-10:10 Sat 2-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sun 2-4:45-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-9:55
Australia (PG) No Passes Fri 4-5-7:45-8:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-1:30-4-5-7:45-8:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5-7:45-8:45
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri 4:10-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30-9
Changeling (14A) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:50 Sat 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:50 Sun-Wed 3:40-6:50-9:50 Thu 3:40-9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic Encore (STC) Sat 1
Milk (STC) Fri 3:50-7:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-7:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 3:45-6:20-9:15 Sat 6:20-9:15 Sun 1:10-3:45-6:20-9:15 Mon-Tue 3:45-6:20-9:15 Wed 3:45-9:45 Thu 3:45-6:20-9:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 3:30-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:30-10:15 Sat 12:40-1:20-3:30-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:30-10:15 Sun 12:40-1:20-3:30-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:30-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:30-10
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:40

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

The Adventures of Pinocchio (Opera) (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1
Bolt (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 5:20-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2:20-5:20-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5:20-7:45
Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:40-7-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:40-7-9:20

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Four Christmases (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:10-6:15-7:20-8:30-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-3:15-4:10-6:15-7:20-8:30-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-6:15-7:20-8:30-9:40

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:15-6:30-8:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:30-8:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 4:15-6:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 4:15-6:30-8:50

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:20-7:30-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:30-10

Quantum of Solace (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-5:15-7:10-8-9:50-10:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 2:10-4:30-5:15-7:10-8-9:50-10:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 1:30-2:10-4:30-5:15-7:10-8-9:50-10:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 4:30-5:15-7:10-8-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 4:30-5-7:25-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 4:30-5:15-7:10-8-9:50

Role Models (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 10:10

Twilight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4-5:30-6:45-8:20-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 1:05-2:30-4-5:30-6:45-8:20-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 2:30-4-5:30-6:45-8:20-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-5:30-6:45-8:20-9:45

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:10

Bolt (G) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-7-9:30

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:50-9:15

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:15-10:15

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:30

Role Models Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7:20-9:50

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:40

Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:45-10:20

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Theatre will be closed on Thu., Dec. 11 for a private function.

Bolt in Digital 3D (PG) Fri 7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2:15-5-7:30-10 Mon-Wed 7:30-10

Four Christmases (PG) Fri 7:15-9:40 No Passes Sat 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:40 Mon-Wed 7:15-9:40

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 6:40-9 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9 Mon-Wed 6:40-9

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7-9:50 Mon-Wed 7-9:50

Role Models (14A) Fri 7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 2-5:10-7:40-10:20 Mon-Wed 7:40-10:20

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri 7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:45-7:50-10:30 Mon-Wed 7:50-10:30

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 6:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:50-10:10 Mon-Wed 6:50-10:10

Twilight (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Wed 6:30-9:30

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-4:25-8-9:30

Bolt (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7 Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:20-9:50

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri 1-3:20-6:20-10 No Passes Sat 6:20-10 No Passes Sun-Tue 1-3:20-6:20-10 No Passes Wed 4-6:20-10 No Passes Thu 1-3:20-6:20-10 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4:20-7:05-9:20

The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic Encore (STC) Sat 1

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:15

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:40-10:30

Role Models (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:35-9:25

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:35-7:25-10:25

Twilight (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:10-6:40-7:10-10:10

Vaaranam Aayiram (in Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:05-9:55

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-2:40-4:20-7:15-8:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-8:30

Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 12:05-1-3-4-6:35-7:05-9:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-6:35-7:05-9:10-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Changeling (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-10:10

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:25-7:20-9-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:25-7:20-9-9:50

High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10 Mon-Thu 3:30

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:50-6:15-8:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:15-8:40

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:30 Sun 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:20

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-1:15-3:15-4:15-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:15

Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:45-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:35-10:20

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:55-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:30-10:05

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12-12:40-3:35-4:05-6:30-7-9:30-10 Mon-Thu 3:35-4:05-6:30-7-9:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

Vaaranam Aayiram (in Tamil) (14A) Fri-Sun 2-6:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:45

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-4:05-8:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-8

Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:50-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:10-9:30

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-2-3:45-4:40-6:30-7:40-9:45-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-4:45-6:45-7:30-9:10-9:55

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25-10:05

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:15-7-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7-10

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:40

Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:45-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:25-10:05

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:50

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-1:30-3:30-4:20-6:20-7:20-9:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-4:10-6:20-6:55-9-9:35

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Body of Lies (14A) Fri 2-4:50-7:35-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:10-2-4:50-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:35-10:20

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri 2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:10-7:25-9:40

Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Thu 2:50-7:55

Changeling (14A) Fri 4-7:05-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:55-4-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 4-7:05-10:05

The Duchess (14A) Fri 2:25-4:55-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:25-10

Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:10

The Haunting of Molly Hartley (14A) Fri 4-6:10-8:20-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:45-1:50-4-6:10-8:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:10-8:20-10:30

Heaven on Earth (14A) Fri 2:45-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:40-10:05

High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 2:20-4:45-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:45-7:15-9:50

I've Loved You So Long (14A) Fri 2-4:35-7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-2-4:35-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:50

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 2:40-3:25-4:50-5:35-7-7:45-9:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:05-12:30-1:15-2:40-3:25-4:50-5:35-7-7:45-9:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:40-3:25-4:50-5:35-7-7:45-9:10-9:55

Made in Jamaica (STC) Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15

Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! (PG) Special Engagement Fri 3:50-6:50-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-10

Passchendaele (14A) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:20-9:55

Pride and Glory (14A) Fri 5:05-10:15 Sat-Sun 12-5:05-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:05-10:15

Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 4:25-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:45-4:25-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:05-9:45

RocknRolla (14A) Fri 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25

The Secret Life of Bees (14A) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40

Yuvvraaj (PG) Fri 2:30-6-9:35 Sat-Sun 11-2:30-6-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:30-6-9:35

Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri 3:20-5:40-8-10:25 Sat-Sun 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:40-8-10:25

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Dostana (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 9:15

Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 3:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 3:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:30

Yuvvraaj (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 6:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 3-9:15 Mon-Thu 6

PEEL REGION

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Bolt (G) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30 Wed 4:10-6:50-9:30 Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30 Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Changeling (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:30-9:45

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:50-7:50-10:25

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:15-9

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The IMAX Experience (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:20

The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic Encore (STC) Sat 1

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:15-10:15

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 1-1:40-3:50-4:30-7-7:40-10-10:30 Sat 1-3:50-7-7:40-10-10:30 Sun-Thu 1-1:40-3:50-4:30-7-7:40-10-10:30

Role Models (14A) Fri-Tue 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:50 Wed 4:20-7:10-9:50 Thu 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Twilight (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:15-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20 Wed 12:30-1:15-3:30-4:15-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20 Thu 12:30-1:10-3:30-4:15-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Australia (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:25-2:55-6-6:30-9:25-9:55 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-2:25-2:55-6-6:30-9:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:25-2:55-6-6:30-9:25-9:55

Bolt (G) Fri 2:10-4:35-7:10-9:30 Sat 11:35-2:10-4:35-7:10-9:30 Sun-Thu 2:10-4:35-7:10-9:30

Four Christmases (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:35-3:05-4:40-5:15-6:50-7:40-9:15-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:20-12:50-2:35-3:05-4:40-5:15-6:50-7:40-9:15-10:05 Mon-Wed 2:35-3:05-4:40-5:15-6:50-7:40-9:15-10:05 Thu 2:35-3:05-4:40-5:15-7:40-10:05

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 3:35-5:50-8:05-10:10 Sat 1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:10 Sun 11:05-1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:35-5:50-8:05-10:10

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2-2:30-4:30-5-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12-2-2:30-4:30-5-7-7:30-9:45-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2-2:30-4:30-5-7-7:30-9:45-10:15

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 2:15-2:45-4:10-4:45-5:20-6:45-7:20-8-9:35-10-10:30 Sat 11-11:40-12:10-1:30-2:15-2:45-4:10-4:45-5:20-6:45-7:20-8-9:35-10-10:30 Sun 11-12:10-1:30-2:15-2:45-4:10-4:45-5:20-6:45-7:20-8-9:35-10 Mon-Wed 2:15-2:45-4:10-4:45-5:20-6:45-7:20-8-9:35-10 Thu 2:15-2:45-4:10-4:45-5:20-7:20-8-10

Role Models (14A) Fri 2:20-4:55-7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:20-4:55-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:15-9:40

Transporter 3 (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:20-4:55-7:15-9:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:05-2:20-4:55-7:15-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:15-9:40

Twilight (PG) Fri 2:05-3:50-4:20-4:50-6:35-7:05-7:35-9:20-9:50-10:25 Sat 11:20-1:05-1:35-2:05-3:50-4:20-4:50-6:35-7:05-7:35-9:20-9:50-10:25 Sun 11:20-1:05-1:35-2:05-3:50-4:20-4:50-6:35-7:05-7:35-9:20-9:50 Mon-Wed 2:05-3:50-4:20-4:50-6:35-7:05-7:35-9:20-9:50 Thu 2:05-3:50-4:20-4:50-7:05-7:35-9:50

GATEWAY 6 BRAMPTON
5 Gateway Blvd., 416-444-3456

Listings not available at press time.

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-3:40-7:40-9:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-7:40-9:15

Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:55-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:20-9:55

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:35-7:15-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:35-7:15-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Tue 1

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:25-4:45-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:45-7-9:20

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:30

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:25

Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:45-10:15

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-1-3:15-4:05-6:20-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:15-4:05-6:20-7:05-10:05

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-1:30-4-5:20-8-9 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5:20-8-9

Bolt (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-1:15-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40 Fri 2:15-5-7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:55

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:15-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20-9:50

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:45-3:50-4:45-7-7:50-9:20-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-4:45-7-7:50-9:20-10:15

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12-1-2:30-3:40-5:15-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:40-5:15-7:40-10:05

Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:30

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

The Adventures of Pinocchio - Dove and Middleton (Opera) (STC) Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1

Australia (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-1:50-4:30-5:20-8-9:15

Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Stadium Seating Fri 3:50 Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:20-3:50

Chakk de Phatte (STC) Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri 4:15-7:45 Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Sat-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:45

Hassan and Morcos (STC) Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10

High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10

Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! (PG) Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 6:40-9:40

RocknRolla (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:45

Synecdoche, New York (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7-9:55

Transporter 3 (14A) Stadium Seating, THX Fri 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Stadium Seating Sat-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Stadium Seating Fri 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:05 Stadium Seating, THX Sat-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:05

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

Four Christmases (PG) Fri-Sun 7:35 Tue 7:35

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 7:30 Tue 7:30

Pride and Glory (14A) Fri-Sun 9:20 Tue 9:20

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 7:40 Tue 7:40

Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 9:55 Tue 9:55

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 9:10 Tue 9:10

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-8 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-4:20-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 8

Bolt (G) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri 4:45-6:30-7:10-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-2:15-4:45-6:30-7:10-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-7:10-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 4-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:15 Star & Strollers Thu 1

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri 4:10-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:45-10:15

Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-1-3:15-4:05-6:20-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:15-4:05-6:20-7:05-10:05

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 4:30-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10

Role Models (14A) Fri 5:10-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 2-5:10-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:45-10:15

Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45

Twilight (PG) Fri 3-3:40-6:50-9-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:40-3-3:40-6:50-9-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9-9:50

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Changeling (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:05-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05-10:15

Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-1:20-2:30-4:30-5-7:15-7:50-9:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-5-7:15-7:50-9:50-10:25

High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Digital Fri-Sun 12:10-3:30-6:20-9 Digital Mon-Thu 3:30-6:20-9

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12:20-1:40-3:20-4-6:15-8:30 Mon-Thu 3:20-4-6:15-8:30

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The IMAX Experience (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9

The Metropolitan Opera: Doctor Atomic Encore (STC) Sat 1

Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri-Sun 1:25-1:50-4:10-4:40-7:10-7:40-10:10-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-4:40-7:10-7:40-10:10-10:30

Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 12:50-1:30-3:40-4:20-6:30-7-7:30-9:20-9:45-10:20 Sat 1:30-4:20-6:30-7-7:30-9:20-9:45-10:20 Sun 12:50-1:30-3:40-4:20-6:30-7-7:30-9:20-9:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-4:20-6:30-7-7:30-9:20-9:45-10:20

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in red.

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Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:25-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55-9:25
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-1:10-3:40-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:30-10 Mon-Thu 3:40-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:30-10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-12:45-1:15-3:15-3:45-4:15-6:10-6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40-10:10 Mon 3:15-3:45-4:15-6:40-7:10-9:20-9:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 3:15-3:45-4:15-6:10-6:40-7:10-9:20-9:40-10:10
Vaaranam Aayiram (in Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 3-6:30-10:20
Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:50-8-10:25

ELGIN MILLS 10 CINEMAS
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

The Adventures of Pinocchio (Opera) (STC) Sat-Sun 1
Australia (PG) No Passes Fri 7:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-7:45 Mon-Thu 7:30
Bolt (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:10-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
Four Christmases (PG) Fri 7-7:30-9:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-1:10-3-3:30-7-7:30-9:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:50-7:15-9-9:20
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9
Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri 7:40-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:30
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 3:20-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20
Twilight (PG) Fri 6:45-7:15-9:30-10 Sat-Sun 12:30-1-3:15-3:40-6:45-7:15-9:30-10 Mon-Thu 6:45-7-9:10-9:30

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Australia (PG) No Passes Fri 4:30-8 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-4:30-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:45
Bolt (G) Fri 4:50-7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:40
Four Christmases (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-7-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:40-7-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:35
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri 4-6:20-8:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:20-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:10
Punisher: War Zone (18A) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:25-9:55
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 4:20-6:30-7:30-9-10 Sat-Sun 12:40-4:20-6:30-7:30-9-10 Mon-Thu 6:50-7:30-9:20-10
Role Models (14A) Fri 3:30-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 4:10-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:50
Twilight (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:10-12:50-3-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Appaloosa (14A) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:50-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10
Australia (PG) Fri 2:30-3:30-4:30-6-7-8-9:30-10:30 Sat 11-12:05-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-6-7-8-9:30-10:30 Sun 11-12:05-1-2:30-3:30-4:30-6-7-8-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-6-7-8-9:30-10:15
Beverly Hills Chihuahua (G) Fri 2:30-4:55-7:35-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:35-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:35-9:55
Body of Lies (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:15-10
Bolt (G) Fri 1:30-3-4-5:15-6:15-8-9-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-12:30-1:30-3-4-5:15-6:15-8-9-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-5:15-6:15-8-9-10:15
Bolt in Disney Digital 3D (G) Digital Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Digital Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Digital Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:20 Sat 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:20 Sun 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:45-10:05
Burn After Reading (14A) Fri 2:35-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:35-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50
City of Ember (PG) Fri 1:40-4:25-6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:40-4:25-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:55-9:25
The Duchess (14A) Fri 2:25-5:05-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:25-5:05-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:40-10:10
Flash of Genius (PG) Fri-Sun 2:40-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30
The Haunting of Molly Hartley (14A) Fri 2-4:30-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:45-2-4:30-6:50-9:25 Mon-Wed 4:30-6:50-9:25 Thu 4:30-6:50
Lakeview Terrace (14A) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:45
Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri 2:20-4:25-7:9:20 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:20-4:25-7-9:20 Mon-Wed 4:25-7-9:20 Thu 4:25-7
Nights in Rodanthe (PG) Fri 1:40-4:05-6:25-9 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:40-4:05-6:25-9 Mon-Wed 4:05-6:25-9 Thu 4:05-6:25
The Other End of the Line (PG) Fri 1:45-4:10-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:45-4:10-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:40
Passchendaele (14A) Fri 3:10-6:05-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:05-9:05 Mon-Thu 6:05-9:05
Pride and Glory (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:10-6:55-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:55-9:55
Quarantine (18A) Fri 3-5:20-7:45-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:45-3-5:20-7:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:45-9:50
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 1:50-4:55-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:50-4:55-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:40-10:15
Religulous (14A) Fri 2:15-4:35-7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:35-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:30
RocknRolla (14A) Fri 3:15-6-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:15-6-9:05 Mon-Wed 6-9:05 Thu 6
The Secret Life of Bees (14A) Fri 2-4:35-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-2-4:35-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:30-10:10
Sex Drive (18A) Fri 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-1:55-4:45-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:35-10:05
Step Brothers (14A) Fri 5:10-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:20-5:10-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-10:05
Synecdoche, New York (14A) Fri 1:55-4:40-7:25-10:25 Sat 11:15-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:25 Sun 11:15-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10:10
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri 2:45-5:05-7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:05-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:20-9:40

PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

Australia (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:45-8:30 Mon 4:45-8:30 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:45-8:30 Mon 1
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50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

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Chakk de Phatte (In Punjabi) (STC) Fri 5:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:50-5:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-9:10
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High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 12:35-3:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40 Mon-Thu 3:40
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (G) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye! (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-5:15-8:50 Mon-Thu 5:15-8:50
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2081 Winston Park Dr., 905-829-2009

Changeling (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:45-7:05-10:15
Dostana (STC) Sub-Titled Fri 2:25-5:45-9 Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 11:10-2:25-5:45-9 Sub-Titled Mon-Thu 2:25-5:45-9
High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 11-1:35-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15-9:55
Milk (STC) Special Engagement Fri 1:05-1:45-4:05-4:45-7:05-7:40-10-10:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:35-1:05-1:45-4:05-4:45-7:05-7:40-10-10:35 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:05-1:45-4:05-4:45-7:05-7:40-10-10:35
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Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:20-10:05
RocknRolla (14A) Fri 1:55-4:55-7:35-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:55-4:55-7:35-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:55-7:35-10:20
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Zack and Miri Make a Porno (18A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30

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Australia (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 12-12:30-1:20-3:30-4:10-5-7-7:30-8:30-10:30-10:50 Special Engagement Sun 12-12:30-1:20-3:30-4:10-5-7-7:30-8:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-3:30-4:10-5-7-7:30-8:30-10:20
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Passchendaele (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-7:20
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Role Models (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30
The Secret Life of Bees (14A) Fri 4:45-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:10-4:45-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:45-10:10
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Music

Everest in Young's shadow

L.A. folk band to open for Young, Wilco at ACC tonight

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Russell Pollard may have reached the summit of his musical endeavours.

It's one reason why the former member of Sebadoh and Folk Implosion named his latest project Everest, a L.A.-based folk-rock hybrid he put together with bassist Rob Douglas, guitarist Joel Graves and drummer Davey Latter — all close friends with musical resumés as long as your arm (Earlimart, Alaska! and The Watson Twins among them).

It's a friendship that produced Ghost Notes, Everest's debut that delves into bright pop in its first half and melancholy prog-rock in the second. Produced by Mike Terry (Foo Fighters), Ghost Notes has an early 1970s feel, recorded on analog tape in the late Elliot Smith's New Monkey studio — a work that Pollard says was a refreshing reboot for all concerned.

"We're all close friends and we got really frustrated with what we were doing," said the drummer turned singer-songwriter. "We didn't want something similar to what we had done in the past. We wanted something with no rules and no pretension, and it just evolved from there."

"He's our shaman. He does what he wants to do."
Russell Pollard on Neil Young

The band made a long climb in a short time: In November of 2007 Elliot Roberts, Neil Young's manager, warmed to Everest demos and invited the band to record under Young's Vapor Records label. Early this year, Everest played at the Sundance Film Festival, where Young was promoting Déjà Vu, a documentary about Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young.

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Everest looks up to singer-songwriter Neil Young.

Impressed with what he heard at the fest, Young invited Everest on several European dates and the North American leg of his current tour with Wilco and Death Cab For Cutie.

"He's our shaman," Pollard says of Young. "He does what he wants to do; he doesn't compromise and he doesn't let what he does get messed with for the sake of money. We view that as the dream. It's a very organic thing."

Pollard plans on climbing more musical mountains in the future — already testing the crowds with new songs to appear on a potential second album that the band will record at the end of its tour. He says continuing while the group has this kind of creative independence isn't so much of a want as it is a need.

"I didn't think it would be possible to have as much fun as we are now," he said. "We can't stop. We'll just get depressed, and I plan on taking this thing as far as I want to go."

Metro recommends

• **THE FIREMAN, ELECTRIC ARGUMENTS:** Paul McCartney meshes his psychedelic heritage and whimsical pop magic for an

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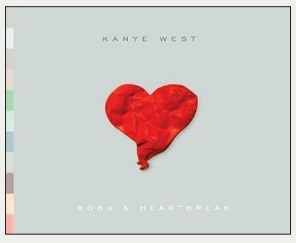
• **KANYE WEST, 808S & HEARTBREAK:** Busted-computer beats and an auto-tuned mic help



Kanye sort through heartache and find new hip-hop ground.

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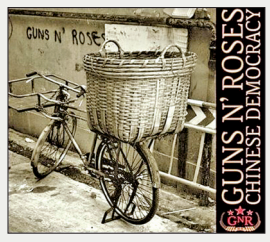

GnR boldness and new styles to match, Axl creates an intricate pop-metal landscape.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lil Wayne, Coldplay net most Grammy nominations

AWARDS Lil Wayne didn't get a Grammy nomination for A Milli, but his total haul was still pretty amazing — eight.

Nominations for the prolific and ubiquitous rap MVP, who became pop's biggest success in 2008 with his top-selling album, Tha Carter III, included a coveted album of the year bid.

Although the New Orleans rapper — who has been nominated for Grammys before but has never taken home a trophy — was the leading nominee, he wasn't the only big act to have a big night Wednesday.

Following close behind during the Grammys' first-ever nominations ceremony/concert combination was Coldplay, with seven nominations. The Chris Martin-led British group's Viva La Vida, one of the year's best-selling CDs, is in album of the year contention along with Radiohead's groundbreaking In Rainbows; singer-songwriter Ne-Yo's Year of the Gentleman; and Robert Plant's collaboration with Alison Krauss, Raising Sand.

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What Billboard says

The Top 5 pop albums according to Billboard Magazine are: 1. 808s & Heartbreak, Kanye West; 2. Fearless, Taylor Swift; 3. Chinese Democracy, Guns N' Roses; 4. I AM...SASHA FIERCE, Beyoncé; 5. Theater of the Mind, Ludacris. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Music

Band of the decade debate

SoundCheck

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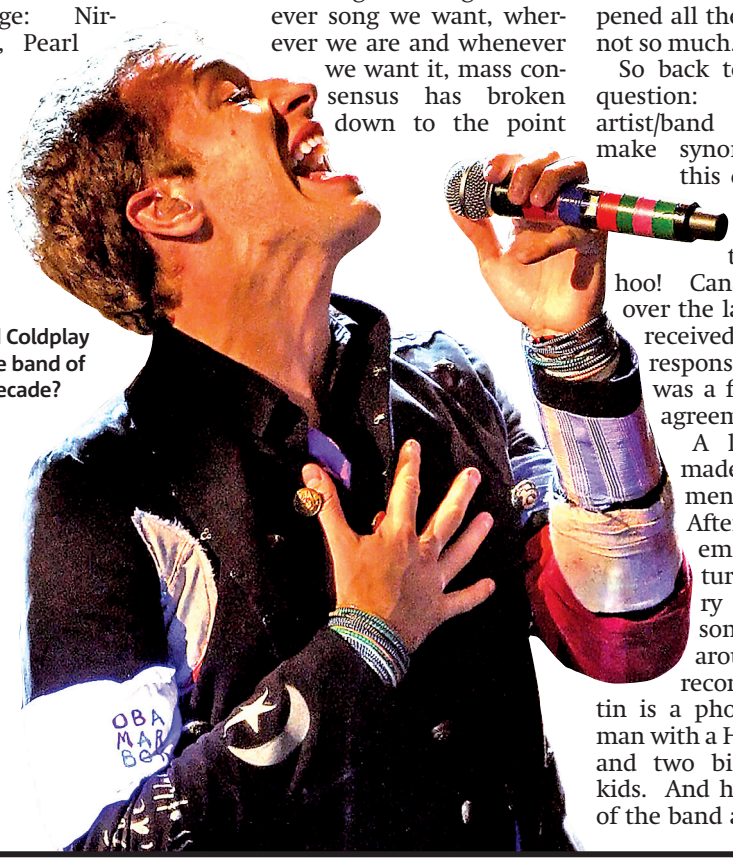
By my reckoning, there are 391 days until the end of the first decade of the 21st century and we still haven't managed to come up with a proper name for it. The Zeroes? The Aughts? The O's? The Zips? You'd think we'd have figured it out by now. If it's any consolation, though, Gregorian calendar types faced the same issue between 1900 and 1909. (Personally, I blame Stanley Kubrick for some of the confusion. Life might be much different if he had called his 1968 movie "Twenty-oh-one: A Space Odyssey")

And with 391 days left, you'd figure that we might have come up with a Band of the Decade. After all, the 60s were all about the Beatles and the Stones. In the 70s, it was Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and the Eagles. The 80s gave us U2 and Springsteen while the 90s remains all about grunge: Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Soundgarden.



Could Coldplay be the band of the decade?

But those were the days when we didn't have the kind of access to music that we have today. With all of us being able to get whatever song we want, wherever we are and whenever we want it, mass consensus has broken down to the point where we're all individual islands of musical taste. When was the last time we had a new release that sold by the tens of millions? In the Olden Days, that happened all the time. Today, not so much.

So back to my original question: Which artist/band will history make synonymous with this decade? I put this question to the masses through Yahoo! Canada Answers over the last week and I received hundreds of responses. And there was a fair amount of agreement.

A lot of people made a good argument for Coldplay. After all, they emerged at the turn of the century and have sold somewhere around 30 million records. Chris Martin is a photogenic frontman with a Hollywood wife and two bizarrely-named kids. And he and the rest of the band are committed to a variety of social and humanitarian causes.

Others suggestions included the White Stripes ("They made being indie cool for the mainstream!"), Nickelback ("Dude, say what you want, but they sold a lot of albums.") and the Killers ("Even my mom likes them!").

What do you think? Drop me a line and we'll revisit this sometime in the next 391 days.

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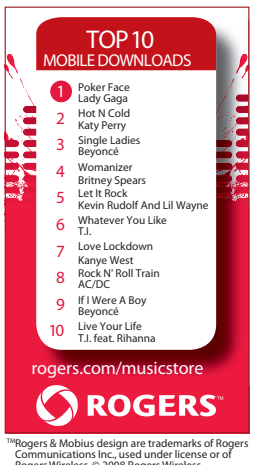

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Lady Gaga's humanitarian aspirations

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Lady Gaga

In an old fire truck garage-turned transitional youth homeless shelter in Toronto's southwest end, a Lady in white is helping to hand out some green.

"When I heard about Eva's Phoenix, I was really excited because this is the kind of place I believe in," she says, wearing the white dress she designed herself with pointed white geometric shapes protruding from her waist, thighs and right shoulder. "It's not just about a place to stay. It's about a place to be inspired, grow, feel good about yourself and change."

She's the platinum-haired performer called Lady GaGa, famous for her club-pop music prose in songs like Just Dance and Poker Face. On behalf of RE*Generation, a Virgin Mobile movement dedicated to helping at-risk and homeless youth, she helped present the shelter with a $100,000 cheque before playing a charity show at Circa.

Lady GaGa, 22, has been giving back since she was in school at Manhattan's Convent of the Sacred Heart. The nun-run school, also attended by Paris and Nicky Hilton, is where GaGa says she learned selflessness she assures will always play a part in her career. "We did a lot of charity work and that was sort of ingrained in my bones as a young person."

In fact, without embracing such charitable causes, Lady Gaga says her stage shows and synth songs are pointless. "I can write music all day about celebrities and fame and money, but none of that really matters if I can't give back to young people," she says.

Lady GaGa may also be provoking significant change on the popular music front, according to some critics who tout her as paving pop's future. But while others criticize her, Gaga knows her goal.

"From their mouths to God's ears, I hope I am the future of pop music, only because my intentions are good," she says. "I want to do great things for other people. If that means I'm the future, then there should be more of me."

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Serial killer to drop by Grey's Anatomy

Grey's Anatomy will have a new patient this winter — and he won't be an easy one to treat. Eric Stoltz will be rolled in to Seattle Grace's halls as a serial killer in need of serious medical attention. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Television

Palin talking to everyone but the mighty O

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NO ONE SAYS NO TO OPRAH: She's taking her show to Washington D.C. for Barack Obama's inauguration, but Oprah Winfrey is apparently perplexed, even annoyed, that Republican vice-presidential hopeful Sarah Palin hasn't appeared on the couch that Tom Cruise once pummelled.

"I went and tried to talk to Sarah Palin and instead she talked to Greta Van Susteren. She talked to Matt Lauer. She talked to Larry King, but she didn't talk to me," Oprah complained to Extra. "Maybe she'll talk to me now that she has a book deal."

To which you can add – hell, Palin's even penciling in a visit to my place to teach me how to do polar bear in the slow cooker, which will probably happen before she does Oprah.

IT'S SORT OF LIKE PIZZA THAT ORDERS ITSELF: Mad Men star Jon Hamm will apparently be doing a trio of appearances on 30 Rock, playing a doctor neighbour of Tina Fey's Liz Lemon who becomes Lemon's new love interest.

When those shows air, you'll be able to drive cattle through the streets of New York's Upper West Side and stage Burning Man on the streets of Toronto's Annex without anyone noticing. The rest of both countries will be shrugging and going, "30 what? Jon who?" but all the regions thick with New Yorker subscriptions will be turning off the phone and letting their Thai takeout go cold.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/5/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Adventures in Architecture		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat "Changing Roles"		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	*Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* ★★ (2000)				NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere II	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Holiday Moments: TV & Film		Lipstick Jungle (N)		Crusoe		News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		Supernanny		Law & Order		News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	The Insider (N)	E News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Deal or No Deal		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	387	16 CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (N)		NUMB3RS "Robin Hood"		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Holiday Moments: TV & Film		Lipstick Jungle (N)		Dateline NBC (N)		News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	*Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* ★★ (2000)				20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Gossip Girl		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		News (N)
	-	-	28 FOX	Judge Judy (N)	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61 PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	Love Train: The Sound of Philadelphia, Part 1		My Music: Love Songs of the 50s and 60s				Wash. Week
news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22 net	Air Racing		Heads-Up Poker Champ.		Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected		Hockey Central
	400	400	30 TSN	That's Hockey!	Madden Nation	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Boston Celtics. (HDTV) (Live)					NBA Basketball	
family	551	542	25 YTV	*Call Me Claus* ★★ (2001, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg.				Smallville "Persona"		Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	Santa Claus	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	Wayside		Johnny Test	Futurama	Father of Pride	Robot Chicken	Life's a Zoo
	556	540	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	*Christmas Carol: The Movie* (2001, Fantasy)			*Camp Rock* (2008, Musical Comedy)			(10:35) *Stepmom* ★★	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami "Deadline"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Ambush"		Criminal Minds
	575	583	38 CMT	CMT Star	CMT Star	Chevy Cross Canada Countdown (N)				CMT's Greatest "Interviews"		Sugarland
	616	521	39 SHO	The Best Years (DVS)		The Guard (HDTV)		Testees	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	529	47 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Ella Enchanted* ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				Cheers	Seinfeld	Family Guy
	581	566	52 MTV	Girls-Latitude	After Show	Made "Hockey Player"		Paris Hilton's My New BFF		The Hills	The Hills	After Show
	603	561	56 FOOD	The Main	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ace of Cakes
	300	601	301 M1	(6:35) *Never Forget*		Sanctuary "Requiem" (N)		*The Ruins* ★★ (2008, Horror)			(10:40) *The Invasion*	

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/6/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	National Geographic		*In & Out* ★★ (1997, Comedy) Kevin Kline.			The Interviews	*Personal Best* ★★★ (1982, Drama)		
	211	331	3 GTV	Ultimate Engineering		Tank Overhaul		Painkiller Jane		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Objektyv	Russian Waves		Midnight Ballads		MADtv
	210	302	6 CBC	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Oilers at Sharks		
	214	344	7 CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Crusoe (HDTV) (N)		*Heaven's Fury* (2003, Action) Joanna Pacula, Noel Fisher.				News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	W-FIVE-Pharma Sutra		To Be Announced		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	E News	The Soup	Behind-Scenes	Behind-Scenes	Reese Witherspoon: Golden		Celebrity Cash Couples		News (N)
	-	387	16 CBS	Football	Paid Program	The Unit "Five Brothers"		Cold Case (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	Paid Program	The Insider (N)	Crusoe (HDTV) (N)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	College Football		College Football Big 12 Championship -- Missouri vs. Oklahoma. (HDTV) (Live)						
	219	346	20 ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		Eleventh Hour		Cold Case (HDTV)		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	News (N)
	-	-	28 FOX	*Lethal Wpn. 4*	News Journal	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61 PBS	(6:30) Our Town		Andre Rieu: Radio City Music Hall: Live in New York					Monarchy: The Royal Family	
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide.				D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Investigations
sports	405	417	22 net	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				The Ultimate Fighter		Heads-Up Poker Champ.		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30 TSN	E:60 (HDTV)		World Extreme Cagefighting (HDTV)				SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	551	542	25 YTV	I Want a Dog-Charlie Brown		Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks	Dark Oracle	Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	Santa Claus	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	Wayside		Johnny Test	Futurama	*X-Men* ★★★ (2000, Action) Hugh Jackman.		
	556	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*The Man Who Saved Christmas* (2002)			*Holes* (2003, Adventure)	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Rampage"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The Sopranos
	575	583	38 CMT	Jessica	Kellie Pickler	All Through the Night		*Christmas With the Kranks* ★★ (2004, Comedy) Tim Allen.				Grand Opry
	616	521	39 SHO	About a Girl	Kink in Hair	*A Life Interrupted* (2007, Docudrama) Lea Thompson.				*Eurotrip* ★★ (2004, Comedy), Jacob Pitts		
	294	529	47 TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	*Honey, I Blew Up the Kid* ★★ (1992, Comedy) Rick Moranis.				*Three Men and a Little Lady* ★★ (1990)		
	581	566	52 MTV	MTV Live	After	Made "Hockey Player"		MTV News	Girls-Latitude	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	603	561	56 FOOD	Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Restaurant Makeover		Top Chef		Kitchen Nightmares		The F Word
	300	601	301 M1	(7:15) *Nancy Drew* ★★ (2007, Mystery), Josh Flitter				*First Sunday* ★★ (2008, Comedy)			(10:45) *Death at a Funeral*	

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/7/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Galapagos (Part 3 of 3)		The Choir "Boys Don't Sing"		*The Old Curiosity Shop* (2007, Drama)			(10:35) The View From Here	
	211	331	3 GTV	renegadepress	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	Without a Trace		Friends	Red On White: Journeys		Noi Oggi	Metropia	Metropia	Vamos-Balinho
	210	302	6 CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		*Elf* ★★★ (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell, James Caan.				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		fifth estate
	214	344	7 CITY	TBA	Two/Half Men	King	King	King	King	Stylista		News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	Desperate Housewives		The Amazing Race 13		So You Think You Can Dance Canada (N)				News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	Ty Pennington: Behind Scenes		Extreme Makeover: Home		Fox Reality Channel Really Awards 2008 (N)				News (N)
	-	387	16 CBS	60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 13		*Front of the Class* (2008, Docudrama) Patricia Heaton.				News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Washington Redskins at Baltimore Ravens. From M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.						
	-	386	18 ABC	Ty Pennington: Behind Scenes		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		*The Christmas Card* (2006, Romance) Ed Asner.				News
	-	-	28 FOX	NFL Football	The OT	BCS Selection	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61 PBS	(6:30) Lawrence Welk: God Bless America				Great Performances "Vivere: Andrea Bocelli Live in Tuscany"				
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder" Genocide.				D.L. Hughley Breaks the News		Investigations
sports	405	417	22 net	NFL Football	Sportsnet Connected		Skiing: FIS World Cup Alpine		World Combat	World Combat League		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30 TSN	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Washington Redskins at Baltimore Ravens. From M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.						
family	551	542	25 YTV	(6) *Blizzard* (2003)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach		Mystery Hnt.
	554	544	45 TEL	Santa Claus	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	Wayside		Johnny Test	Futurama	*Titan A.E.* ★★★ (2000, Science Fiction)		
	556	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	*Air Bud: Golden Receiver* ★ (1998)			*My Favorite Martian* ★★	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Prey"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	575	583	38 CMT	Chevy Cross Canada Countdown				Cheerleaders	Cheerleaders	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Greatest
	616	521	39 SHO	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Say Goodnight Bad Guys		Testees
	294	529	47 TBS	*Three Men and a Little Lady*		*The Upside of Anger* ★★★ (2005, Comedy-Drama) Joan Allen.					*The Upside of Anger*	
	581	566	52 MTV	Made "Hockey Player"		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
	603	561	56 FOOD	Jamie at Home	Exotic	Challenge		Iron Chef America		Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School
	300	601	301 M1	(6:30) *Daddy Day Camp* ★		*Night at the Museum* ★★ (2006, Fantasy) Ben Stiller.				Dexter "I Had a Dream"		*Reservation*

CTV

So You Think You Can Dance Canada finalist Natalli Reznik.

Fighting fears through dance

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Every week Natalli Reznik performed on So You Think You Can Dance Canada, she thought she was going to be sent home.

"I'm just that person that keeps questioning what I'm feeling every day to just try to be honest as much as I can," said the Torontonian dance contest competitor, who turned 29 yesterday.

Reznik is among the final four dancers vying for the top spot in the inaugural edition of So You Think You Can Dance Canada. Over about three months of competition, 200 dancers from across the nation were whittled down to 20, and then, gradually, to four. Those four will find out which of them will take the title of Canada's First Favourite Dancer, $100,000 and a new car on the two-hour finale on CTV Sunday at 9 p.m.

Any worries about being sacked from the program certainly weren't aided by the intensive rehearsal schedule Reznik considers to be her greatest challenge throughout the competition.

"There are no days off," she said. "You're learning so much, you're doing the show, and then after that, physically and mentally, you want a day off, but you don't have time to take a day off because the next day you're learning something else."

But despite the stress placed upon her, she said appearing on So You Think You Can Dance Canada has allowed her to achieve her greatest accomplishment – conquering her fears.

"I'm like a little mouse that's afraid to get out in the world and face all the things that I'm feeling," she said. "I was so scared most of my life. I was one of these people that people believed in, but I did not believe in myself."

The program's judges and viewers may have proven their confidence in her, but for Reznik, dancing is secondary to overcoming low self-esteem. "I just want to tell people that if they ... didn't like (my dancing), I don't care about that," she said. "Just take the fact that this was not easy for me … But I pushed through it and I didn't give up."

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LEFT: Actor Eugene Levy and wife Deborah Devine.
RIGHT: Roots founder Michael Budman and wife Diane Bald.

Dinner guests, from left, include Mark Sunderland, Emily Antflick and Elijah Antflick.

NO MONKEYING AROUND
Reason For Hope was the theme as politicians, business elites, Canadian personalities and even a Hollywood star feted world-renowned primatologist, Dr. Jane Goodall, at the Fairmount Royal York. The good doctor was also awarded with a honourary degree from Haifa University in recognition of her life-long dedication to humanitarian work.

LEFT: Honouree Dr. Jane Goodall

ABOVE, LEFT: CBC host George Stroumboulopoulos.
RIGHT: Director Norman Jewison and wife Lynne St. David.

Evening speaker Dr. David Suzuki, left, and actor Woody Harrelson.

Girls night out

Womanvoice, a celebration by women and girls with singing, poetry, artwork and dance, with Honey Novick, Allie Ho-Sang, Susan Perly and others. Fri. 7:30 p.m. (free). Ellington's Music and Café, 805 St. Clair Ave. Info: 416-782-7944. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Going Out

Kid's eye view of Nutcracker

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The Prima Studio is the largest rehearsal space at the National Ballet of Canada's lakefront headquarters, and it's packed to the walls on this weekday morning a few days before this year's production of The Nutcracker premières.

In centre stage, a group of male dancers are leaping over a banquet table before giving way to a run-through of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The edges of the room are thronging with dancers stretching and warming up, and a ballerina sits with her legs wide working on a pair of toe shoes with a Stanley knife, a lighter and dental floss; there's a strong, medicinal tang in the air from the salves and balms needed to deal with aching muscles and battered feet. At the back of the room, facing the stage area, the seats are packed with students from the National Ballet School, gangly girls and boys in tights and sweats waiting to run through their parts in the show, most of them staring raptly at the dancers from the company.

Laurel Toto is head of the Associates Program at the Ballet School, which coordinates the casting of students from the school in the many juvenile roles in The Nutcracker, including Marie and Mischa, the brother and sister at the centre of Tchaikovsky's perennial tale. "They are plum roles," Laurel tells me. "We have a casting profile that James Kudelka, the choreographer, left with us as his vision, and we look at students who, at this moment in time, this role fits. Not just their technical ability but their artistic ability, and to take on that amount of pressure. It's a big role - they even get the last curtain call."

"The advice we've gotten is to have fun onstage and if a mistake happens, it's not the end of the world. Just to have fun with the ballet."
Liam Redhead, 13

She glances sideways as she lowers her voice and talks about the "Nutcracker curse," which prevents students who dance Marie and Mischa from landing places in the company after they've finished at the School, but she proudly tells me that the curse has been broken recently, and that there are three dancers in the company now who danced the leads in the Nutcracker.

Down the hall from the Prima Studio, Stella Leowinata and Liam Redhead are rehearsing for their turns as Marie and Mischa, which they'll be dancing in rotation with three other pairs of students in the show. Liam, 13, is from North Bay, where his sister was the dancer in the family. "For the younger students it's the big production of the year," he tells me. "When you get to be a senior student you're not in Nutcracker as much, you have things like Spring showcase to look forward to, but when you're in the junior school like us, we mostly look forward to Nutcracker all year long."

Stella, 12, grew up in Toronto watching her mother, a professional dancer. "I have been in the Nutcracker before when I was in the associates program. I played a lamb and a mouse, and I've always loved the Nutcracker and I've always dreamed of being Marie."

They've just done an interview for the broadcast of the Nutcracker that they'll appear in, and were visibly thrilled to be interviewed by Guillaume Cote, a principal dancer with the company. I ask if they've gotten any advice from the adult dancers in the show, most of whom performed in the show when they were students.

"The advice we've gotten is to have fun onstage," Liam says, "and if a mistake happens, it's not the end of the world. Just to have fun with the ballet."

"Just enjoy it and be yourself," Stella recalls. "It's one of the few ballets where you can act as a kid."

RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

Guillaume Cote, principal dancer with the National Ballet of Canada, with National Ballet School students Stella Leowinata and Liam Redhead. Stella and Liam are dancing the roles of Maria and Mischa in The Nutcracker at the Four Seasons Performing Arts Centre this Christmas.

Comedy vs. tragedy in new show, Moliére

In a life filled with controversy and tragedy, Molière still found reasons to laugh and to bring laughter to his audiences.

The contrast between comedy and tragedy — represented by Molière on the one hand and famed tragedian playwright Jean Racine on the other — is a major part of the thematic struggle behind Molière, the play, being presented by Tarragon Theatre.

Director Richard Rose said he has wanted to present Molière, written by Mexican playwright Sabina Berman since his arrival at the Tarragon in 2002.

"I always thought it should be my first show because it talks about the theatre ... and the tension between comedy and tragedy. It took this many years to finally pull it off," Rose said.

"It's a fantastic piece about how one should look at life, either through the lens of comedy or the lens of tragedy," he added.

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Alba in Campari calendar

Actress Jessica Alba flaunts her post-baby body in Campari's glamourous 2009 calendar. Only 9,999 copies of this special calendar have been printed.

2 Britney back in business

Britney Spears has released her much-anticipated album, Circus, after live performances in Europe and the United States. The pop star, who turned 27 on Tuesday, also announced plans for a 2009 tour with the Pussycat Dolls.

3 So You Think You Can Dance

With just four contestants remaining on So You Think You Can Dance Canada, the nation will be watching this weekend to find out who takes home top honours.

4 Christmas specials

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, especially on your television set. Classic holiday movies, and Christmas cartoon specials start airing on North American networks this week.

5 Christian Siriano for Payless

Payless is going to get a little fiercer with Project Runway winner Christian Siriano designing an exclusive footwear and handbag collection for the discount shoe store. The items will be available in-stores in the fall of 2009.

6 Homemade holiday goodies

Cookies, preserves, and truffles are all great holiday gifts that can be made on a tight budget. Try getting together with friends in December and whipping up some yummy homemade presents.

7 Top Hats

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HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY
For more great events around the city, visit: **metronews.ca/entertainment**

The third annual Female Eye Dec. 6 event

Dec. 6, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
National Film Board Mediatheque, 150 John St.

This event aims to honour the victims of the Montreal Massacre and people affected by violence. With the National Film Board Mediatheque, the Female Eye presents films that pertain to issues of violence and a panel discussion.

Tickets (suggested donation of $10) available at the door.

Panel discussion is free of charge.

2008 Toronto Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread Build

Dec. 6-7, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Habitat Toronto's Home Building Factory, 1627 Danforth Ave.

Build a gingerbread house or two to benefit a family in need at Habitat for Humanity Toronto's sixth annual Gingerbread Build. All the funds raised through this event will go into building more Habitat homes for families in need. For more information, go to torontohabitat.on.ca

Barenaked Ladies

Dec. 6
Massey Hall, 178 Victoria St.

Local band Barenaked Ladies get Barenaked for the Holidays with two shows on Saturday: A matinee performance that features songs from their kid-friendly album Snacktime! and an evening performance. Tickets are $19.50-$45.50 for the matinee, and $39.50-$69.50 for the evening concert.

Sounds of the Season

Dec. 5, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
250 Front St. W.

CBC's annual fundraiser is a special day of live radio and TV programming with an all-star lineup including Divine Brown, the Barenaked Ladies and Jackie Richardson (free with a monetary or non-perishable food donation). Includes music, chance to meet your favourite CBC radio and TV personalities and silent auction.

Bills Tailgating Experience

Dec. 7, 11 a.m.
Parking lot across Rogers Centre, Blue Jays Way and Front Street West

Fans can celebrate the Buffalo Bills' first regular-season game in their Bills Toronto Series. The party features food grilled on two giant BBQs, live music, pre-game activities and more. Free, must be 19+.

See complete online movie listings, trailers, reviews and purchase tickets at metronews.ca/movies

Handel's Messiah (highlights)

Dec. 7, 4 p.m.
Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St.

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Celebrity Buzz

Getty regrets actions over Miller

RELATIONSHIPS Actor Balthazar Getty regrets not standing up for girlfriend Sienna Miller and his wife Rosetta when the media took aim at them over his alleged infidelities, imdb.com reports.

Getty feels both women were treated unfairly by the tabloids when news of his romance with Miller first surfaced earlier this year, and now he wishes he had done something to protect the ladies in his life.

"There comes a time when it just gets a little bit too hurtful. It takes two to tango, man. You can't just point your finger at one person. Historically, women always get the short end of the stick," he tells America's TV Guide magazine.

"People went too far, whether it was invading Rosetta and the kids' privacy or saying really awful things about Sienna. They (photographers and reporters) yelled the most awful, disturbing things at her. Sometimes I wish I'd just stepped forward and said, 'Enough!'"

Getty refused to confirm reports he and Miller have reconciled after a brief split, adding, "I can't comment on what's going on there. I just can't."

He adds that both Miller and his wife are "both special people in my life."

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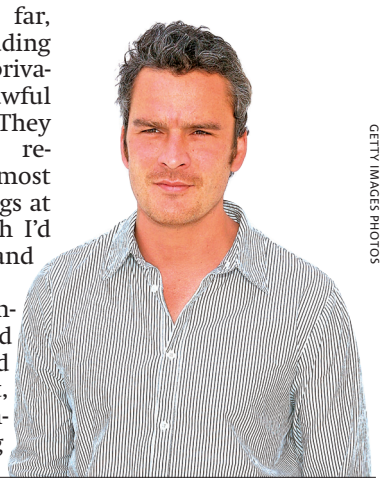

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Dunst back on dating scene?

RELATIONSHIPS Kirsten Dunst is back on the dating scene after breaking up with Justin Long — the actress is reportedly romancing filmmaker Jacob Soboroff, imdb.com reports.

Dunst is working with Soboroff on a documentary about voting, and the two have become more than close friends, according to reports.

"Yes, they're dating," a source tells Life + Style magazine.

The new couple was spotted shopping together at an art store last week.

Dunst previously dated Jake Gyllenhaal and reportedly romanced Orlando Bloom.

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Union doomed: Heidi's mom

RELATIONSHIPS Heidi Montag's mother has wrecked her daughter's new wedded bliss by predicting her marriage to Spencer Pratt will last just six months, imdb.com reports.

Darlene Egelhoff is fuming after The Hills stars eloped to Mexico to marry in secret on Nov. 24, and she is accusing 25-year-old Pratt of controlling her daughter and forcing her to sideline her own family.

"(When I heard they had married) I was devastated. I've spent many hours crying and depressed," Egelhoff tells Us magazine. "I've been completely cut out because of Spencer. I didn't get to shop for a dress and be involved. She's too young to get married, and Spencer has cut everyone out of her life … I want the best for my daughter — and he's definitely not it."

And she delivers a damning verdict on the future of the union: "I'm confident the marriage won't work out. I give it six months."

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Jamie Lynn underwent secret procedure?

COSMETICS Jamie Lynn Spears has undergone a secret fat-reducing cosmetic procedure, according to tabloid reports.

Both Star magazine and the National Enquirer allege 17-year-old Spears has had her tummy trimmed by soy-based injections that dissolve fat, imdb.com reports.

The Enquirer claims the former star of Zooey 101 underwent the procedure recently, at a clinic in Nevada; but Star claims Spears was actually treated in October 2007, shortly before she discovered she was pregnant with her daughter Maddie.

"Her mom, Lynne, approved the injections and went through tons of red tape to get the clinic to administer them to an underage patient. She had no idea she was pregnant," a source tells Star.

A representative for Spears has refused to comment on the reports.

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Simpson loves self-help books

PEOPLE Jessica Simpson confesses to Marie Claire in its January issue that she still thinks she could use some self-improvement, People.com reports.

"I am the first person to go to Barnes & Noble and buy the new self-help book," Simpson, 28, tells . "I like to fill out the surveys, then I get my friends' opinions on how I answered to see if I was being honest with myself or not."

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Tyra prefers blind dates to stars

RELATIONSHIPS Supermodel-turned-talk-show host Tyra Banks avoids romance with fellow celebrities, instead choosing to meet potential boyfriends through blind dates, imdb.com reports.

She insists she isn't looking to find love with another famous person because the media attention would be too much to handle.

"I try not to date people who are famous because one celebrity plus another celebrity equals five," she tells Ebony magazine. "The paparazzi will just start mixing my name with theirs … But it's not a personal interest of mine, I get set up by my friends. It's the hook up!"

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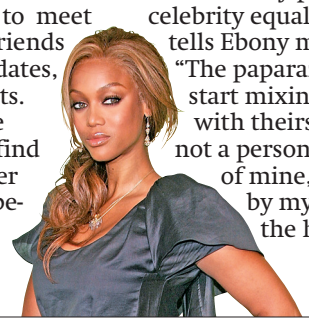

Ripa pans divorce rumours

RELATIONSHIPS TV personality Kelly Ripa has brushed off reports she's splitting from her husband of 12 years, actor Mark Consuelos, imdb.com reports.

Tabloids suggested Ripa walked out on Consuelos over his alleged involvement with "other women."

But Ripa has hit back at allegations made by The National Enquirer this week.

"The Enquirer runs the story on a regular basis. There is no truth. They make this stuff up," a spokesperson for Ripa tells usmagazine.com

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Heche ecstatic about expecting

BABY Anne Heche and her partner James Tupper are expecting their first child together, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"They are both thrilled!" her representative reportedly said.

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No excuse for DUI, Osment says

REGRET Former child star Haley Joel Osment quit alcohol at the age of 18, after he was punished for driving drunk in Hollywood in 2006, imdb.com reports.

The incident shamed the actor, who had to pay a fine and adhere to probation, as well as a mandatory rehab stint and Alcoholics Anonymous course.

Osment vowed to stop drinking completely until he turns 21.

As his 21st birthday approaches, he says his actions were "extremely irresponsible. There's no excuse for that. I learned my lesson. I made a bad decision."

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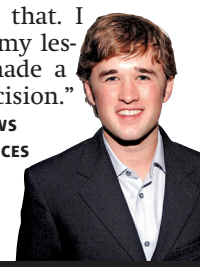

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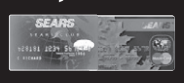

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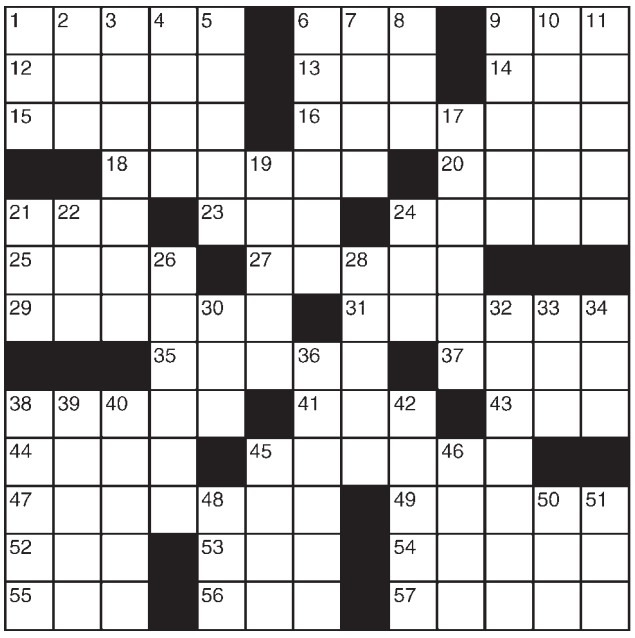

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	3		1			2	5	
9				4		6		1
7				6				
	9	2			5		4	
				1				
	5		9			7	8	
				3				4
5		8		9				2
	4	6			1		9	

Crossword across

1 Cried like a crow
6 Sweet potato
9 Plead
12 Open-mouthed
13 Microbrewery product
14 Ostrich's kin
15 Gondolier, typically
16 "Ben-Hur" author
18 Race place
20 Augments, with "out"
21 Long March leader
23 Copper head?
24 Thing of value
25 Heidi's home
27 Some exams
29 Grated
31 Petunia, for one
35 That is (Lat.)
37 Church section
38 New again
41 Congregant's seat
43 Started
44 Bocelli solo
45 Breakfast option
47 Southern Belgian
49 Lessen
52 Superlative ending
53 Disencumber
54 Emphasize slyly
55 In medias —
56 Golfer Ernie
57 Fashion

Crossword down

1 Upper limit
2 Past
3 Belts
4 Duel tool
5 Skin (Suff.)
6 Bored one
7 Remark re Yorick
8 He spoke for Bugs
9 Birds' bills
10 Host
11 Visitor
17 Textbook chapter
19 Home
21 Scratch
22 Miss. neighbor
24 The whole shooting match
26 Helix
28 Following
30 Tokyo, once
32 Midsize kangaroo
33 Prior night
34 Wine option
36 Pays out
38 Less refined
39 Obliterate
40 Isn't perpendicular
42 Sports
45 Spring wind?
46 Touch
48 Tramcar contents
50 Up to, in verse
51 Compass pt.

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

E	G	G	S	■	F	A	T	■	A	F	R	O
B	U	R	T	■	L	I	E	■	F	L	O	G
B	R	A	Y	■	A	D	S	■	L	A	I	R
S	U	B	L	E	T	■	T	O	O	T	L	E
■	■	■	E	L	F	■	■	P	A	W	■	■
H	A	F	T	■	O	F	F	S	T	A	G	E
I	L	L	■	■	O	I	L	■	■	R	I	G
C	I	A	B	A	T	T	A	■	R	E	N	O
■	■	T	U	G	■	■	T	I	E	■	■	■
S	P	I	N	E	T	■	F	I	C	K	L	E
L	O	R	D	■	O	B	I	■	I	N	O	N
E	N	O	L	■	M	R	S	■	T	E	N	D
D	Y	N	E	■	B	A	H	■	E	W	E	S

4	6	5	2	3	7	8	1	9
8	7	2	9	4	1	3	5	6
3	9	1	8	6	5	7	2	4
9	2	6	7	5	8	1	4	3
5	8	3	6	1	4	2	9	7
7	1	4	3	9	2	5	6	8
6	3	7	5	2	9	4	8	1
1	5	8	4	7	6	9	3	2
2	4	9	1	8	3	6	7	5

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Pork Tenderloin with Honey-Mustard Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh rosemary or 1 tsp (5 mL) dried
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest
1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
1 pork tenderloin (about 1 lb/500 g), trimmed
1/3 cup (75 mL) fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup (50 mL) honey
3 tbsp (45 mL) coarse Dijon mustard
1/2 cup (125 mL) 10% cream
1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Line small roasting pan with foil. Combine rosemary, garlic, lemon zest and salt in small bowl and rub evenly over pork tenderloin; transfer pork to pan. Mix lemon juice, honey and mustard in small bowl. Transfer half to small saucepan and set aside.
2. Brush pork with 2 tbsp (25 mL) honey–mustard sauce. Roast pork until glazed and golden brown or until instant-read thermometer reads 160°F (71°C), about 25 minutes, basting 2 or 3 times with remaining sauce.
3. Meanwhile, put cream in small bowl and whisk in flour until smooth. Warm reserved honey–mustard sauce in small saucepan over low heat. Gradually whisk in cream mixture and cook, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Serve with pork.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Don't run away from an intense situation if in doubt. An adversary wants to learn your tricks. Incompetence raises some second thoughts.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Desperate measures are taken by new people. Search for thrills with a reckless buddy. Friends will gather behind the scenes.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
There are too many options to choose from. Adventures are caused by trying to get somewhere. An obsession with something could get sticky.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Pay attention to the direction of a vehicle. Someone isn't sure of the consequences. Be silent when an old argument resurfaces.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone will be a poor loser. You'll want to quit an unhappy situation. A little guy will back off.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Regret over a mischievous encounter dissipates. Someone changes the rules. Pay attention to an over-reaction.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Something marvelous will happen. A magical awakening takes place. Something you say convinces a friend to stay behind.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
It's too late to think the best of a buddy. A moving tribute is made to a generous act. Check out a proposed business venture.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Monitor all conversations with a bureaucrat. A mystifying friend gives a heart-felt speech. Something begins to make sense.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
There'll be a case of mistaken identity. You need to get something off your chest. You'll be told of unfamiliar circumstances.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
You have to set a good example. Easy friendship comes from setting boundaries. Pay attention to loved ones.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Being anxious is a waste of your time. Letting go of inhibition warms somebody's heart. Make a helpful suggestion to a young guy.

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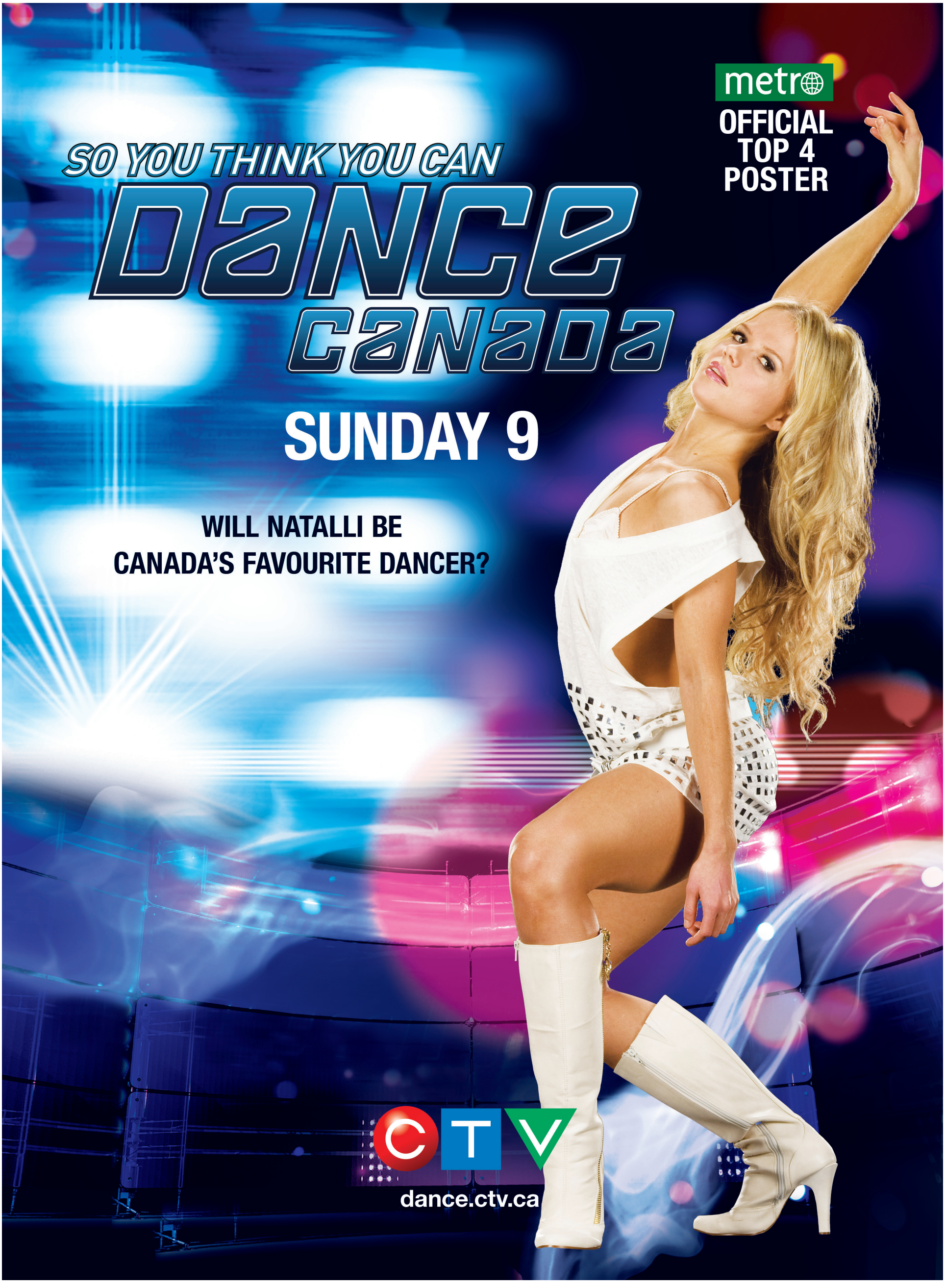
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